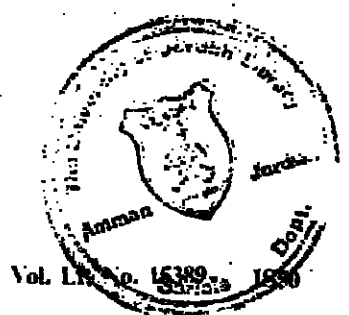


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## Begin to McFarlane: push Syria, not us

**Post Diplomatic Staff**  
Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday told U.S. special envoy Robert McFarlane that the U.S. and Lebanon have to exert pressure on Syria, rather than expect more concessions from Israel.  
Political sources in Jerusalem said yesterday that asking Israel to publish a timetable for its total withdrawal from Lebanon would not contribute towards changing the stubborn Syrian position.  
McFarlane said after his meeting with Begin that he heard the opinions, positions and different views existing between Israel, Lebanon and the U.S. After the meeting with Begin McFarlane met with Defence Minister Moshe Arens and then flew to Beirut. From Beirut he is scheduled to go to Saudi Arabia and then to Syria.  
In his meeting with the prime minister, McFarlane reiterated Lebanese fears that the Israel Defence Forces redeployment would result in the *de facto* partition of Lebanon. He once again suggested that Israel publish a timetable for its full withdrawal.  
The Americans apparently believe that such a timetable would result in the Syrians publishing their own timetable. Israeli sources say, however, that Israel should not initiate such a timetable, stressing that the redeployment is indeed the first phase of a total withdrawal.  
Begin told McFarlane that, in the Washington talks with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Arens, Israel proposed a separation of forces agreement with the Syrians and that this subject, like other issues, ought to be discussed and examined in Damascus.  
The evaluation of political sources in Jerusalem last night was that McFarlane has no new ideas which might help break the current deadlock.  
Arriving in Beirut McFarlane went into a closed conference with Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem and President Amin Jemayel's national security adviser Wadih Haddad.  
The Voice of Lebanon radio station reported last night that McFarlane went to Beirut (instead of Saudi Arabia), because he had heard "new and constructive proposals" in Jerusalem.  
PARIS (AFP). — A Saudi Arabian daily which appears in London, *Al-Shark al-Awsat*, yesterday reported that U.S. special envoy Robert McFarlane proposed to Israeli leaders to freeze the Israel-Lebanon agreement, in order to help him accomplish his mission.  
The paper wrote that McFarlane is about to meet with Syrian leaders and to present them — with Israel's agreement — with a new plan for Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon. The paper said the Israeli withdrawal would take place in four stages: first to the Awali River, then to the Zaharani River, then the Litani River and finally to the international border.  
The paper said the Israeli withdrawal is to be accomplished along with a simultaneous withdrawal of Syrian and Palestinian forces from Lebanon.

## Shamir sees early resumption of ties with African states

**By JOSHUA BRILLIANT**  
**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
TEL AVIV. — Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said last night Israel was at the threshold of "a large-scale resumption of open political ties" with many African countries.  
He did not mention Liberia as the country which might follow Zaire and resume ties severed some ten years ago. But in his address to Herut party members here, he welcomed Liberia President Samuel Doe's "important call" to African countries to renew diplomatic ties with Israel, and expressed the hope that the call would be answered.  
Shamir said the expected breakthrough in Africa, and the decisions of Costa Rica and El Salvador to return their embassies to Jerusalem were indications of the government's success.  
"Another success, he stated, was the U.S. State Department's statement that Israel would not have to dismantle existing West Bank settlements as part of an overall peace agreement. Shamir said that statement meant the U.S. recognizes this reality. As of today this is a "legal reality" and other countries must also accept it, he stressed.  
A greater part of the foreign minister's speech was devoted to repeated statements that Israel did not intend to stay in Lebanon, nor partition that country. "The Awali line is not a new line between Lebanon and Israel. The line the IDF wishes to withdraw to is the international border," Shamir stressed.  
But "as long as we are not sure that our northern border is secure — we won't move from Lebanon," he added.  
"We know what they say and think in Syria," he said. "They think we'll leave Lebanon unconditionally, and without agreements because we can't bear the casualties and because the opposition here will force the government to yield."  
"Those who think that way are making a grave error," he declared. "Israel sometimes knows how to restrain itself — but for its security Israel also knows how to fight," he declared to the applause of party members.

## On-the-run murderer knifes two, evades police search

**By LIORA MORIEL**  
**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
One of the three murderers who escaped from Beersheba Prison last Thursday, knifed two men yesterday and still managed to evade police capture.  
The escapee, Suleiman Salman Abu-Madigan was sighted at 5.30 yesterday morning by Arab workers in an orchard on Pa'amei Tashaz, a moshav some 12 km. north-east of Ofakim. Yona Yitzhak, who runs the orchard offered him a job, but when asked for identification, Abu-Madigan fled. Yitzhak and his friend Michael Galbaza, 56, gave chase and caught up with the convict, who whipped out a switchblade and slashed them both several times before making his escape.  
The police were called, and finally arrived over an hour later — sometime after seven — because they thought the call only concerned a row among neighbours.  
The two farmers went to Ofakim police station to file a complaint against their attacker, and only on seeing the wanted posters in the station did they recognize him as Abu-Madigan.  
They then went to Soroka Hospital for treatment of the knife cuts and were later released.  
Abu-Madigan was sighted again, later in the morning, by Reuven Danieli, 42, of Eshkol, a moshav three km. west of Pa'amei Tashaz. He asked Danieli for a sandwich, but Danieli had no bread in his house, so Madigan strolled off.  
Hearing news of the scuffle of Pa'amei Tashaz, on the Army Radio, Danieli put two and two together and called the police.  
"He didn't look frightening and he was very calm," said Danieli. "He was unshaven and was wearing an overcoat, yellow shirt and red shorts."  
Border Police with dogs, and police from the Negev, Lachish and Gaza continued to search the region for Abu-Madigan throughout yesterday with assistance from a helicopter without success. The hunt goes on.



Earth being moved for the Israel Defence Forces' new line along the Awali River in Lebanon. (IPPA)

## Phalangists agree to quit Falus camp today

**By HIRSH GOODMAN**  
**Post Defence Correspondent**  
The Phalangists, ordered out of their camp at Falus near Sidon on Tuesday, finally agreed to leave without incident yesterday afternoon and are to vacate the camp this afternoon. Efforts by the Israel Defence Forces to convince the Phalangists to leave quietly have been accompanied by demonstrations against the IDF by Phalangist supporters in Southern Lebanon.  
According to senior military sources, the 30-odd Phalangist soldiers at the camp are suspected of acts of intimidation and perhaps worse crimes against Palestinians and leftists around Falus. The IDF command decided to close Falus as a "punishment and an example," according to the sources.  
They added that they did not have to elaborate on the sensitivity of the IDF toward Phalangist actions against Palestinians after the Sabra and Shatila refugee camp massacres.  
Israeli officials were worried, however, that Phalangist resistance to the camp's evacuation could grow and cause a rift between the IDF and the Phalange at higher levels. It was decided, therefore, not to use force, and to be both patient and persistent.  
Yesterday, after three days of negotiations, the Phalange left the camp. For the past two nights the camp has been the scene of all-night celebration, with hundreds of Christians who joined the remaining Phalange unit in holding out against the IDF. At no time was there any violence.  
It is understood that the Phalangist contingent agreed to leave after being ordered to by Lebanese Forces headquarters in Beirut, where negotiations were held between senior commanders from both sides.  
According to Phalangist sources in Beirut, the agreement permits the militiamen to remain with their weapons in the Falus barracks in the presence of an Israeli officer, and the demonstrators who joined the camp are to be disbanded. The remaining militiamen are to leave the camp this afternoon.  
The Lebanese Forces issued a communique yesterday which said that "Both sides expressed their total satisfaction and comprehension after the latest misunderstanding, being both of them conscious of their bond of friendship, their common interests and their neighbourliness."  
A number of Christian civilians are to remain in the camp, with IDF approval, to guard its church and other buildings.  
Following the conclusion of the negotiations yesterday afternoon, a number of Phalangist soldiers left the camp in an orderly and quiet fashion.  
Observers noted that the IDF

## Plan to weed out failing farmers

**By JOSHUA BRILLIANT**  
**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
TEL AVIV. — The number of moshav farmers in Israel would be reduced under a plan being advocated by senior Agriculture Ministry officials. According to their plan, the government, the Jewish Agency and other sources would redeem debts of bankrupt farmers and would pass on the land and water allocations to neighbouring farmers remaining on the moshavim.  
A senior ministry official who asked not to be identified told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that 4.1 per cent of the population in Israel are engaged in agriculture but because of advanced technology only 2.1 per cent are actually needed to provide enough food for the country's needs.  
The plan is not to halve the number of farmers, but just to trim it, the official maintained. At present, to overcome the problems resulting from overproduction, Israel has been exporting 38 per cent of its agricultural produce. However the farmers who have concentrated on exports are the ones in serious financial straits — partly because they do not get enough shekels for the foreign currency they bring in.  
Several farmers have agreed to quit, the senior ministry source said. Some 20 per cent of the farmers of Moshav Revah who were queried said they were willing to leave, he added.  
The source explained that some farmers arrived in Israel during the mass immigrations of the 1950s and were sent to agricultural settlements because the state felt it needed more farmers. Some had no feeling for agriculture, the source added.  
Ephraim Shalom, one of the two secretaries of the Moshav Movement, accepted the idea that some farmers ought to find other jobs.  
Speaking at the Labour Party's Economic Committee meeting, Shalom said 10 per cent of the farmers had failed and they must leave the moshavim. But in clear contrast with the ideas considered in the Ministry of Agriculture, Shalom maintained that young people who were born in moshavim and graduated agricultural schools must take their place in agriculture.  
In an interview yesterday, deputy Agriculture Minister Pessah Grupper advocated a "project renewal" for farmers, whereby the government, the Jewish Agency and particularly the Jewish Agency would pitch in. The farmers who would stay on the lands would also contribute by paying something for their increased land allocation, water and other means of production now in the hands of the quitting farmers.  
Grupper maintained that in the meantime he needs IS1.5 billion for emergency aid to 30 moshavim in serious financial trouble. Finance Minister Yoram Aridor has refused to provide the money, telling Grupper to use his regular budget.  
Grupper yesterday took the dispute with Aridor to Prime Minister Menachem Begin. Begin, who is acting agriculture minister (following the death of Simha Ehrlich), phoned Aridor and arranged that he and Grupper meet next week to discuss how to help the moshavim. An aide to the prime minister told *The Post* Begin did not give Aridor any interim instructions.  
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Pessah Grupper

## Private consumption rockets

**By AVI TEMKIN**  
**Post Economic Reporter**  
Private consumption skyrocketed during the first quarter of the year, official statistics released yesterday show.  
During January-March, average per capita expenditure increased by 6 per cent, as compared to what it was at the end of 1982. Central Bureau of Statistics figures show.  
Among the expenditures which increased markedly were spending of Israelis abroad (32 per cent) and consumption of durables (27 per cent), after rising by 13 per cent in the last quarter of 1982.  
During the first quarter of this year, Israelis spent IS14 billion on home appliances, as compared to IS9b. during October-December 1982. This is a 27 per cent rise when price increases are taken into consideration.  
Expenditures on private automobiles also rose sharply — from IS4.5 billion at the end of 1982 to IS8.5 billion in the first quarter of 1983, a 55 per cent increase in real terms.

## Libya extends Chad raids as U.S., French arms arrive

**N'DJAMENA (AP).** — Libyan bombers extended their attacks over Chad yesterday striking the towns of Kalait and Oum Chalouba, 350 km southeast of the battlefield at Faya-Largeau. Information Minister Mahamat Soumaila claimed.  
He said that the attacks began on Wednesday afternoon and resumed yesterday morning, causing "some damage."  
U.S. and French anti-aircraft missiles and guns have been rushed to Chad to counter the alleged Libyan air offensive.  
Kalait and Oum Chalouba are strategically important because they control access to eastern Chad. The important oasis of Faya-Largeau controls access to the capital of N'djamena to the south and has been under constant Libyan bombardment since it was captured by government troops on Saturday, Chad says.  
Libya denies it has bombed any part of Chad.  
Thirty U.S. Redeye anti-aircraft missiles and three American advisers to train how to use them arrived in Chad on Wednesday.  
In Washington, Pentagon sources said that two U.S. airborne surveillance planes arrived in Egypt Wednesday, apparently to observe Libyan warplane activity.  
The highly sophisticated AWACS planes, sent as part of a month-long U.S.-Egyptian military exercise, arrived earlier than expected. The annual "Bright Star" maneuvers, involving 5,500 U.S. troops, start next Wednesday.  
The planes' advanced radar enables them to "see" more than 320 km.  
In Athens yesterday, an airport spokesman said that two Soviet-made Antonov military transport aircraft belonging to the Libyan air force made a stopover on Wednesday.  
The spokesman said that the planes, flying from Sofia, Bulgaria, to Tripoli, Libya, remained on the ground "for several hours." He gave no further information.  
A government spokesman denied Greek newspaper reports that the planes had Soviet pilots.  
President Reagan yesterday thanked Zaire President Mobutu Sese Seko for his "courageous action" in sending troops to help Chad. Reagan also said Zaire can count on increased U.S. economic aid.  
A senior U.S. official, briefing reporters immediately after the 30-minute meeting between Reagan and Mobutu in Washington, said the U.S. will ask Congress to approve an economic and security aid package totalling \$51.5 million. Aid to Zaire has been running at about \$30m. a year and Congress has refused to increase it for the last two years, partly due to allegations of widespread corruption in Zaire's government.

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Brussels	14-17	23-72	Cloudy
Buenos Aires	8-16	18-69	Clear
Chicago	17-23	30-77	Cloudy
Copenhagen	15-19	10-66	Clear
Frankfurt	13-15	10-66	Clear
Geneva	11-13	10-66	Cloudy
Helsinki	16-21	20-77	Clear
Hong Kong	28-32	30-90	Clear
Johannesburg	10-20	21-70	Clear
Lisbon	18-21	20-70	Clear
London	16-18	20-70	Clear
Madrid	17-23	30-77	Clear
Montreal	17-23	30-77	Clear
New York	17-23	30-77	Clear
Oslo	9-13	20-70	Clear
Paris	13-15	10-66	Clear
Rio de Janeiro	25-30	30-77	Clear
Sao Paulo	9-13	20-70	Clear
Stockholm	16-21	20-70	Clear
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City	Yesterday's High/Low	Today's High/Low
Jerusalem	49/18	50/20
Golan	34/18	35/20
Nahariya	67/21	31/30
Safed	67/21	31/30
Haifa Port	64/25	31/30
Tiberias	37/24	37/30
Nazareth	44/23	30/30
Afula	54/23	32/32
Shomron	41/20	31/30
Tel Aviv	67/33	32/30
B-G Airport	53/22	31/30
Jericho	34/22	37/37
Qaza	67/23	29/29
Beerseba	34/21	33/33
Eilat	40/28	41/40

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

A group of 52 judges from New York headed by Supreme Court Justice Israel Rubin were the guests yesterday of the Tel Aviv chapter of the Israel Bar Association at a reception at ZOA House.

Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoshua Meshi met yesterday with MP Morris Miller, chairman of the Zionist Labour Movement of Great Britain.

Lenny David, formerly of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee, Washington, and expert on Mideast affairs, will speak on "how to answer Israel's critics," at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday at the Israel Centre, 10 Rehov Straus, Jerusalem.

## Sharon visits Beirut, meets Pierre Jemayel

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
BEIRUT. — Former defence minister Ariel Sharon yesterday visited Beirut and met with Pierre Jemayel, father of President Amin Jemayel.

Sharon came to Beirut as the guest of the Lebanese Forces, although his visit was described as "private." At Lebanese Forces headquarters in Beirut he told Phalangist leaders that Israel had gone to war to destroy the rule of terror by the PLO in Lebanon — and it had succeeded.

Lebanon could become a unified and independent country, Sharon said, but this depends on the Lebanese themselves. The minister said only days remain — and perhaps hours — for the Lebanese to determine their fate.

## New defence sales head

The Defence Ministry yesterday announced the promotion of Tzvi Royter to deputy director-general in charge of defence sales, as of August 1. He replaces Ya'acov Shapira.

Royter, who holds the reserve rank of colonel, held command, training and staff positions in the Israel Defence Forces and was defence attaché at the embassies in the Netherlands, Denmark and Norway. He is married and has one child.

**ACCIDENT.** — Eleven people were lightly injured last night in a collision between a Ford Fiesta and a taxi on the Ma'alot-Nahariya road near Kibbutz Kabri in Western Galilee. All the injured were taken to the government hospital in Nahariya.

**BURGLARIES.** — Not a single burglary was reported on Wednesday in Petah Tikva, which on the average has five to six break-ins daily.

## HOME NEWS

### Shultz: People go, policy stays

**By WOLF BLITZER**  
**Jerusalem Post Correspondent**  
WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State George Shultz yesterday said the latest Middle East personnel shakeup at the State Department will not affect U.S. policy toward the region.

At a news conference, the secretary also said the incoming assistant secretary for Near Eastern and South Asian affairs, Richard Murphy, can be expected to visit Israel in the near future. Shultz said that Murphy, the Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, has never been to Israel.

Murphy has been selected to replace Nicholas Velotes as the department's top Middle East official. Velotes, in turn, is headed for Cairo where he will replace Ambassador Alfred Atherton.

Shultz said that no one has yet been tapped for the U.S. ambassadorial post in Saudi Arabia. He

also said that no decision has yet been made about Atherton's future. Because of Murphy's background as an "Arabist" — he was a former ambassador to Syria and spent much of his career in the Arab world — Israeli officials and American Jewish political activists have expressed some concern that he might not be very sensitive to Israeli positions.

"People who don't know him and get to know him will see — as I have — the superb qualities that he brings to his work," Shultz said. Shultz denied that Velotes had been removed from the Middle East post because of the administration's inability to get the peace process moving. Shultz said Velotes had asked to be removed from the post.

The secretary rejected accusations that Velotes might have been responsible for the lagging peace process. Both Velotes and Murphy will

have to face confirmation hearings before the Senate foreign relations committee.

Meanwhile, the Agence France Presse reported yesterday that persistent rumours here speak about a new struggle for power between the White House and the State Department which may end with Shultz's resignation. Since the outbreak of the crisis in Central America two weeks ago, the news media have been reporting a growing sense of frustration on the part of Shultz and his staff in view of the rising star of William Clark, President Ronald Reagan's adviser on national security.

Marvin Kalb, one of the capital's senior diplomatic correspondents, said over NBC television on Wednesday that Shultz has decided not to remain in the State Department if Reagan is re-elected in 1984, and that he may possibly resign before then.

### Burg setting up unit to study summer time

**Jerusalem Post Staff**  
Minister of Interior Yosef Burg yesterday consulted with Israel Medical Association chairman Dr. Ram Yishai prior to establishing a committee of experts charged with examining the question of instituting summer time, Itim reported.

The High Court of Justice ordered Burg last Friday to show cause within seven days why summer time should not be put into effect this summer and it is thought that he might seek a delay, saying that he has appointed a committee to examine the question and advise him.

### Kfar Sava mayor presses for bypass road

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
KFAR SAVA. — The stepped-up pace of new settlement in Samaria creates a heavy traffic burden on Kfar Sava's main thoroughfare, Rehov Weizmann, Mayor Yitzhak Wald told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

If bypass roads are not built this year, Rehov Weizmann will be fully clogged during heavy traffic hours. But the government has no plans to build such roads, Wald said.

The mayor said that a bypass could be paved for a third of the cost of just one access road built for the scores of new settlements in Samaria. But the problem, he says, is that there is no connection between planners on each side of the Green Line.

### Man electrocuted while trying to repair his TV

**LOD (Itim).** — A 30-year-old man was found electrocuted in his apartment here after midnight Wednesday. Amnon Madar was found lying on the floor in front of his television set by relatives, who came because they had not heard from him for several days.

Because the back of the television set had been removed and the set was still turned on when Madar's body was discovered, police concluded that he was electrocuted while trying to do his own repairs. The cause of death was confirmed by an examination at Assaf Harofeh Hospital in Tzrifin.

### Arrests made in 1974 murder of NY rabbi

**Jerusalem Post Correspondent**  
NEW YORK. — New York police this week arrested two suspects in the murder of a Brooklyn rabbi nine years ago.

Then, thieves broke into Rabbi Nathan Friedler's house in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn while he was reciting morning prayers. The thieves tied the rabbi to a bed and gagged him with his yarmulke to prevent him from calling for help. The rabbi choked on the yarmulke.

Last week a man came to a Coney Island police precinct and after telling a detective that he had to clear his conscience, he named a man he said was connected with the murder. The named man, Andrew Harris, 32, and his friend James Jackson were indicted for the rabbi's murder.

### Jaffa police arrest three drug suspects

**TEL AVIV.** — Police yesterday arrested three men in Jaffa suspected of drug offences. For the past week, the narcotics squad has been watching a yard in Rehov Sumkan where yesterday they saw two men apparently buying heroin from a third.

Detectives arrested the two buyers after they walked away from the yard, and in the car waiting for them they found heroin, IS\$39,000 in cash and \$50 hidden under a door handle.

The detectives also arrested a suspect, aged 21, after following him to shrubs at the back.



Jerusalemites get a foretaste of next week's International Puppet Theatre Festival in the Ben-Yehuda Mall yesterday. (Zoom-77)

### Arab list to join race for Tel Aviv council

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
TEL AVIV. — For the first time in the history of Tel Aviv politics, an Arab list will join the race for the city council in October's municipal elections.

Nissim Shakar, spokesman for the League for the Arabs of Jaffa, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the new party is still in the formative state, and will meet at the end of this month to put together a city council list.

Shakar, an attorney, and his brother Nahle, an engineer, have been active in Arab community affairs for some time. They took the lead in organizing the league in 1979, in order to press for better living conditions and expanded municipal services for Jaffa's 15,000 Arabs.

The brothers are also active on the Jaffa Jewish-Arab Action Committee, which during the past two weeks has run a work camp devoted to supplying up some of the Arab neighbourhoods.

Health Ministry cautions public about foul fish despite all the supervisory measures taken before and during the destruction of the foul fish, it is suspected that some of the shipment has made its way back into the market.

During a joint Health Ministry, Agriculture Ministry and police inspection tour of the Talpiot Market, in Haifa, fish from that shipment were discovered. A complaint was filed with the police, and the fish destroyed.

### Abie Nathan sponsors return flight for emigrants

**Jerusalem Post Correspondent**  
NEW YORK. — Abie Nathan, the owner of the Voice of Peace radio station, yesterday announced that he is contributing \$10,000 to a fund aimed at helping Israelis living in the U.S. return home.

Speaking at a press conference at the Jewish Agency's aliya department, Nathan said that as a result of negotiations with the agency and the Ministry of Immigration and Absorption, a group of Israelis is to return to Israel on a special El Al

flight on September 5. Each of the returnees will have to pay \$200 for the one-way ticket. The El Al crew is reportedly donating its services. According to Nathan, the agency is also contributing \$10,000 to the project and the ministry is to contribute a similar sum. Nathan hopes that other individuals and groups will initiate similar projects to help Israelis return home.

Meanwhile the Labour Party and the Histadrut affiliated Merkaz Hahaklali blasted the government's treatment of agriculture in general. Simha Assaf, secretary-general of the Agricultural Centre, said it was impossible to maintain a diverse and modern agricultural system without exports. If agricultural exports are curbed, Israel will eventually import eggs and milk too, he said. Israel was too poor to undertake massive settlement in the West Bank, and at the same time invest in developing agriculture and industry.

**DEMONSTRATION.** — Parents Against Silence will hold a demonstration on Sunday outside the Jerusalem home of Prime Minister Menachem Begin, reiterating their call for immediate withdrawal from Lebanon. The movement intends to hold a demonstration on (or near) the 6th of every month until the IDF is withdrawn.

### Treasury calms public on new economic measures

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

The public's anxiety about the planned economic measures is unjustified since they will concern only public expenditure, Treasury budget division director Ya'acov Gadish said yesterday.

Speaking over Israel Radio, Gadish added that he is encouraged by the understanding that cabinet ministers have shown about the need for a budget cut.

While refraining from going into details, Gadish said that all ministries will be affected by the proposed cuts.

On the other hand, he declared that the Treasury is not planning to abolish free secondary education. Gadish, who met yesterday with Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, told him that there is no such plan.

Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i said yesterday that cuts must be made in the budget, and that the burden must fall on the higher income groups.

Moda'i hinted that he will oppose proposals being prepared by Finance Minister Yoram Aridor. He himself was drafting alternative measures to solve current economic problems, Moda'i said.

### Medical graduates favour Beilinson

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

Forty per cent of this year's 268 medical school graduates requesting internship positions named Beilinson Hospital in Petah Tikva as their first choice, according to recent statistics gathered by the Health Ministry.

The Kupat Holim Clalit hospital was the first choice of 55 per cent of graduates of medical schools in the central area, the Kupat Holim spokesman said. Beilinson was among the top four choices for internships of 71 per cent of this year's graduates. 26 per cent more than the second most frequently named hospital, he added.

### Teachers hit ministry plan on reading

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

TEL AVIV. — The ministry of education's idea to teach reading in kindergarten was yesterday called an over-reaction to the findings about third-graders being unable to read. The plan is also unrealistic, Gita Ram, chairman of the Histadrut Teachers' Union's kindergarten teachers department and a member of the ministry's pre-elementary education committee, said.

She said the solution to the problem of third-graders who cannot read or do arithmetic is smaller classes and new teaching methods.

Ram said children who find it difficult to learn reading in first grade will not find it any easier in kindergarten. The purpose of kindergarten, she said, is to develop the child's personality through fostering creativity and imagination. That purpose will be defeated if kindergarten is turned into school, she said.

Since a kindergarten teacher cannot teach reading to a class of 35 children at one time, she would have to work with small groups of five or less, leaving the others without proper supervision.

**NUISANCE.** — Vacationers in the Golan who sleep on the lawns of Katzin are regarded by the local inhabitants as a serious nuisance and from now on will be ousted by municipal inspectors.

### Health Ministry strike postponed to Wednesday

**By MARGERY GREENFELD**  
**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

The Health Ministry's service and administration workers yesterday decided to postpone their general strike, originally scheduled to begin on Sunday, until next Wednesday. This, together with the threat by the country's 7,000 hospital nurses to start sanctions on Wednesday, could easily paralyse the hospital system within days.

Several factors caused the union leadership to opt for holding off the strike, the head of the government hospitals workers' union, Ronnie Shalem, said last night. Foremost among them was the Histadrut trades union department's first public expression of support for the workers, coupled with a request to postpone the action until after another attempt to negotiate a solution. This meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Shalem said.

A third factor was a request by hospital staff committees for more time to get organized for what could be a prolonged strike, Shalem said.

Such a strike, encompassing all kitchen, laundry, clerical and cleaning workers, will paralyse the hospitals.

The 7,500 Health Ministry workers are striking to press for the equalization of their salaries and working conditions with those of their counterparts at Kupat Holim Clalit, as recommended by the Padah Commission. The panel, set up by the government in 1971 to investigate the disparity between the two groups of workers, has seen its recommendations repeatedly torpedoed by the Treasury.

The hospital workers will be joined by the Health Ministry's entire clerical and administrative staff. The hospital nurses last night declined to spell out just what form of sanctions they are planning for Wednesday. The hospital nurses, who represent one-third of the country's 21,000 nurses, have been pressing for the last several months for the formation of a separate wing to represent them within the Nurse's Union.

### Police seek clues in theft from model

**By MICHAL YUDELMAN**  
**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

TEL AVIV. — Police are still seeking clues as to the identity of the three masked men who broke into the apartment of model/singer/actress Pina Rosenblum yesterday morning and allegedly robbed her of jewelry reportedly worth \$15,000.

She was sleeping in her 3rd floor apartment on Henrietta Szold when she was awakened at 4:30 a.m. by three burglars wearing stockings over their faces, she told police. She was tied up on her bed and gagged and the intruders, brandishing a pistol, warned her that if she uttered a sound, they would scar her face, Rosenblum said later.

She said she told the burglars, whom police believe entered from the roof of the building, that she had no money, but showed them where



Pina Rosenblum

her jewels were. After they left, she succeeded in undoing the rope around her legs. Using the bathroom telephone (the burglars ripped the cord of the other two in the flat) she phoned her neighbour who called the police.

### Rape suspect, a minor, released on bail

A minor suspected of raping a mentally deficient woman of 29 was yesterday ordered released on bail by the Jerusalem Magistrates Court.

The police representative told Judge Ruth Orr that the woman, from East Jerusalem, had complained to police that the suspect raped her three times in her sister's apartment. The woman identified the suspect in an identity parade, the court was told.

The police asked that his remand be extended until they finish questioning two other men employed with him in the building where the offence is supposed to have occurred.

The suspect's lawyer told the court that the woman has a history of complaining about rape.

In ordering the release on bail,

Judge Orr said there was no reason why the two other men and the woman's sister were not questioned on the day the complaint was made.

In Tel Aviv, the Magistrates Court ordered that a 36-year-old man, suspected of raping a woman, aged 19, be detained for 10 days. Police told Judge Moshe Matz that the man met the woman in a restaurant on the beach in June and raped her after forcing her into the basement of the building.

Also in Tel Aviv, police have arrested a woman soldier, 20, who reportedly admitted that she had falsely charged five men of having raped her. After the five suspects were picked up and denied the woman's story, she reportedly told police she had in fact been paid by the men. (Itim)

### Haifa man held for illegal border crossings

**EILAT (Itim).** — A Haifa man arrested last week on suspicion of illegally crossing the border into Egypt near Taba and of trading in dangerous drugs, admitted in the magistrates court here on Tuesday that during the last five months he often crossed the border but denied that he trafficked in drugs.

The police say they found 85 grams of marijuana among his possessions. Oren Ben-Ron, 28, told the court that he acted as he did because he believed that men are born free and are entitled to move freely from place to place.

Judge Ya'acov Genen remanded him for 15 days. During that time, the police are to arrange for his transfer to a hospital in Beerseba where he is to be examined by a psychiatrist to determine whether it is necessary to hold the suspect for observation.

**BETTER RECEPTION.** — Communications Ministry technicians and soldiers of the Communications Corps recently installed a television transmitter to relay Israel Television broadcasts to Israel Defence Forces soldiers in Lebanon.

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HOME NEWS

Charges, countercharges at private screening  
Film says NBC reports biased in Lebanon war

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The National Broadcasting Company (NBC) bureau chief in Israel and a representative of the U.S. organization, Americans for a Safe Israel, yesterday angrily accused each other of "falsification" after the organization screened its film charging NBC with a "deliberate, anti-Israel bias" in its coverage of the war in Lebanon.

The shouting match between Paul Miller of NBC and Herbert Zweibon of the AFISI erupted in the screening room of the American Cultural Centre in Jerusalem, which had granted a request by the Government Press Office to use the facilities.

Called *NBC in Lebanon: A Study in Media Misrepresentation*, the film is a scathing attack on the network. It presents viewers with dozens of examples of film clips from NBC news reports and commentaries and compares them with what they call the facts about the war.

Miller, who turned up uninvited to the screening, rose and — his hands trembling with anger — called the film "propaganda and 99 per cent falsehoods." He said that at least two of the journalists who had been "murdered by the PLO" died of other causes, including a plane crash and an Israeli attack.

The film accuses NBC of having used "advocacy journalism" — of taking a point of view and moulding

the evidence to prove it — in its war coverage. NBC, said the documentary, consistently presented the views of pro-PLO apologists by quoting highly exaggerated casualty statistics as if they were fact. Instead of 9,000 Lebanese civilians killed, and 600,000 made homeless, there were 460 killed and 10,000 homeless, said the film.

NBC neglected to show the PLO's 540 weapons caches in Lebanon and the terrorist organization's links with the USSR, said the documentary. It also failed to show how the PLO took over hospitals and schools for weapons and portrayed Israel as brutal and savage attackers of civilians, the film says.

The AFISI charges NBC with hiding from its viewers the death and destruction wreaked on the Lebanese population during eight years of civil war. "It was like reporting World War II by showing only German civilian casualties and starting from D-Day," the commentator says. The film also charges that NBC "glorified the PLO," never criticizing it until John Chancellor made a terse comparison between Arafat's group and "Al Capone's gang."

Chancellor, who stated "Israel can't go on much longer horrifying the world in its destruction of Beirut," and anchorman Roger Mudd were singled out for their "bias." Chancellor also called Bashir Jemayel, before he was elected president of Lebanon, a "bloodthirsty young Christian" who was "known as a fascist."

The film also maintains that NBC purposely tried to create a wedge between Israel and the U.S., by claiming interference in U.S. foreign policy by the "Arab lobby," but neglecting to mention the influence of the "Arab lobby" and of Saudi oil money. AFISI asserted that about a dozen Lebanese and foreign journalists had been "murdered by the PLO," while NBC "sarcastically" attacked Israel for censorship.

The film presents an interview with an American general and ordained minister, Richard Carr, who criticizes "misguided" media reports that conflict greatly with what he had seen with his own eyes in Lebanon. The Lebanese welcome of Israeli troops, the Israeli care, at personal risk, not to hurt civilians, he says, were absent from TV reports.

At the close of the film, the announcer states that NBC president Reuben Frank refused to appear on the show. The Radio Corporation of America (RCA), NBC's parent company, released a statement saying that NBC staffers are required to abide by the network's standards of "objectivity and balance."

Zweibon demanded that NBC appear before a congressional hearing under oath so that NBC's "bias" could be proved. Miller challenged the audience to appear at the cultural centre at 10 a.m. today to see NBC clips he had and to "hear the truth" about his network's war coverage.

Barry Jacobs, director of the cultural centre, said that if he had known about the controversy of the documentary, he would have thought twice about letting the Government Press Office use his facilities.

Steve Libowitz of the Government Press Office stated several times before and after the one-hour screening that it had no connection with the documentary, but had only received a copy of the film and decided to invite foreign journalists to see it. He also asserted that the American Cultural Centre, too, had nothing to do with the film and had merely agreed that the videotape be shown there.

The documentary was screened only once in New York, at a private showing in the Roosevelt Hotel. Zweibon told *The Jerusalem Post* that other TV networks have refused to broadcast it since at the end, it states that CBS and ABC were only "marginally better" in covering the Lebanon War than the "biased" NBC. It will, however, be shown at synagogues and other Jewish institutions around the country, he said.

Children get shots against polluted water

Jerusalem Post Staff

HAIFA. — Kapat Holim Sick Fund personnel in western Galilee have vaccinated 1,700 children and 70 pregnant women in the Kfar Hassidim and Rekhasim villages near here, against liver infections the fund spokeswoman announced yesterday.

The vaccinations were carried out following last week's outbreak of dysentery in the villages caused by the pollution of drinking water from a local well, in order to prevent more serious liver infections among the high risk children and expectant mothers.

Meanwhile, the Health Ministry announced earlier this week that contaminated drinking water had caused two recent outbreaks of illness — involving about 600 people — in settlements in the North.

In the first case, about 300 residents of Kfar Yehezkel and Gidona in the Afula district suffered vomiting, diarrhea and fever after a break in the regular water supply line led the local council to begin supplying water from an alternate water source. This water did not meet the established drinking water standards.

Pressure from the Health Ministry led to the rapid repair of the broken line and its reconnection to the original water source, the spokeswoman said. In addition, permanent chlorinators were installed in both Kfar Yehezkel and Gidona to prevent further outbreaks of water-borne illness.

The second incident, involving about 300 residents of Rekhasim and Kfar Hassidim in the Haifa district, resulted from contaminants seeping into the wells supplying these two settlements with drinking water. The ministry ordered the national water supplier, Mekorot, which operated the wells, to shut them down immediately.

The two settlements were hooked up to the national water carrier after tests showed that the wells supplying Kfar Hassidim were shallow and could easily be recontaminated.

Health Ministry officials in the Afula area and inspectors from the Sanitation Department of Gilboa Regional Council said yesterday they had carried out various water tests following the recent poisonings, without finding anything untoward in the supply.

Ben-Elissar: Send Arab stone throwers to Jordan

By DAVID RICHARDSON  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Eliahu Ben-Elissar, chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee is in favour of expelling Palestinians in the West Bank to Jordan when they are convicted of stone-throwing.

In an interview in the latest edition of *Nekuda*, the journal published by settlements in the West Bank and Gaza, Ben-Elissar explained that in his view this would not be "expulsion" or "banishment" but rather "the transfer from one part of a land to another."

Replying to a question about expelling Palestinians convicted of rock-throwing attacks on Israeli vehicles in the territories, Ben-Elissar said "I am prepared to add that I do not shy away from transferring people over the border to Jordan." He then added in more general terms: "If anyone feels uncomfortable living under Israeli rule, the choice to live under an Arab regime is open to him. Most of them feel anyway that both parts (banks) of the Jordan constitute one land and I am of the same opinion."

*Nekuda* noted that while Ben-Elissar is no longer in an executive position, as chairman of the Knesset committee his opinions and statements influence the policy of the Likud. Ben-Elissar was Prime Minister Menachem Begin's first director-general of the Prime Minister's Office and was Israel's first ambassador to Egypt.

While favouring the settlers' call for the expulsion of convicted rock throwers, he flatly rejected their demands for a relaxation of the army's standing orders which stipulate when soldiers in the territories may open fire during disturbances.

Ben-Elissar assured his interviewer that the Likud's autonomy plan was still open and that there was no ideological contradiction between "Israeli sovereignty in Judea and Samaria and the administrative autonomy for the Arab residents of these areas."

Asked about public morale in Israel, Ben-Elissar, who holds a doctorate in political science and history from Geneva University and specialised in Nazi foreign policy, replied: "When we say that our morale is down we say that as a result of reading the newspapers and hearing the news. Whoever refrains from reading newspapers and listening to news — his morale will not be bad. In other words, when we talk of bad morale we do not mean the morale of the ordinary citizen but rather of those who produce the newspapers and news broadcasters."



Eliahu Ben-Elissar

Jerusalem Post Poll  
2/3 wants MD rises covered by cuts

Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Two-thirds of the public believe the government should cover the increases in doctors' salaries by cutting other areas of public spending.

Just under half the public is against giving more pay to other wage earners in the wake of the physicians.

These results appear in the *Jerusalem Post* poll conducted by the Mod'in Ezrahi research institute directed by Dr. Sarah Shemer during the latter part of July among a representative sample of 1,162 adults.

Asked how the government should finance the doctors' wage increases, 64.4 per cent favoured making cuts in all ministries. Alternative proposals were a special payment for medical treatment (9.7 per cent); a new tax (6.1 per cent); "print more money" (1.6 per cent); other ideas (5 per cent) and 13.2 per cent undecided.

Asked whether other groups were entitled to more, 45 per cent said "no"; 19.4 per cent said "yes, for everyone"; 27.2 per cent said "yes, for some," while 8.4 per cent were undecided.

Shemer explained that all levels of society favoured cuts in government spending to pay doctors more and opposing increases for other groups. The 20 per cent urging more pay for everyone, were primarily workers of the Oriental communities identifying themselves as Likud voters.

Paralytic held for defrauding Eilat hotels

EILAT, (Ilim). — A young paraplegic from Tivon, who gets around on crutches, was arrested here early this week on suspicion of impersonating a war invalid crippled in the Lebanon fighting, defrauding hotels and businesses in Eilat and passing phoney cheques.

At the hearing in Magistrates Court in Eilat to extend his detention, police said that he checked into an Eilat hotel and said that he was in Eilat for rest and recuperation after having been wounded in the Lebanon war. He paid a bill at the hotel of IS6,000 with a false cheque and defrauded the hotel of another IS10,000 in cash.

The police say the suspect, Ya'acov Hodida, has a rich criminal past, despite his incapacity, and has defrauded many people around the country by posing as a war cripple.

The suspect insisted that he was in fact wounded in the Lebanese war. Judge Ya'acov Genen said the suspect exploits people's readiness to believe him. The judge ordered him remanded for 10 days further detention.

Tel Aviv lifeguards back on beaches

By CAROL COOK  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv's lifeguards yesterday ended their sanctions and agreed to work until 4 p.m. on most days. The municipal spokesman announced that agreement was worked out in the district labour court after city hall sought an injunction to force the lifeguards to honour their agreement to work 12 hours overtime a week.

The guards stopped working overtime on July 18, by going off duty at 2:30 p.m. They claimed city hall was refusing to honour a number of commitments included in previous work contracts.

By yesterday's agreement, the municipality is to ask the Union of Local Authorities to approve a higher grade for the guards, which will mean a raise in wages.

Lifeguards will now work from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sundays through Thursdays, until 5 p.m. on Fridays, and until 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

These hours represent a shortened workday. Prior to a labour court decision in early July, they worked from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Marijuana seed trail leads to suspect

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "I've been smoking grass for 12 years and I cannot understand why the police have come to arrest me now," said a 28-year-old Canadian woman yesterday, who was caught watering three marijuana plants in pots on her balcony.

On Wednesday evening police stopped a suspicious looking car in Kfar Shalem and found in it a matchbox filled with marijuana seeds. The car owner told detectives that he had received the seeds from his divorced wife, who lives in Tel Aviv.

The police paid a visit to the divorcee, a Canadian citizen, and found traces of hashish in the living room and three marijuana plants on the balcony. The woman was watering them when the police came to arrest her.

Fire destroys Haifa clothing shop

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A fire gutted the Matzkin clothing shop in Rehov Herzl early yesterday, causing millions of shekels worth of damage.

Firemen fought the blaze for some four hours. They believe it was caused by a faulty electrical connection. Both floors of the shop were burned out, and a small handbag store next door was also partly destroyed.

Port to blame for slow passport control

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The police yesterday rejected responsibility for what the Chamber of Shipping has charged is tardy passport control in the port.

Police spokeswoman Atalia Meir told *The Jerusalem Post* that the lack of proper facilities to handle the large number of passengers during the summer season was the main reason for the unsatisfactory situation. But the port spokesman Yair Bar-Mashiah insisted that the ships' agents, (who are Chamber members) must also share the blame because of their poor timing of arrivals and departures.

Earlier this week the Chamber called on the ministers of interior and tourism to intervene immediately to eliminate the inconvenience and distress caused to passengers, many of them tourists.

Meir said the fluctuations in the number of passengers, ranging from 4,000 last January to 34,000 in July, make it difficult for the police who handle passport control to provide the large numbers of officers even if they were available. The problem has been aggravated by some officers being transferred to the crossing points on the Lebanese border, she conceded, but insisted that the lack of proper facilities for dealing with passengers was the real culprit.

Bar-Mashiah conceded that the terminal, completed only five years ago, did not meet the needs of the high season. "We lack a waiting hall, because the government did not approve the outlay," he said.

However, the ships' agents must share the blame because they do not stagger arrival and departure times, he said.

Long lines are also in evidence at the passport control counters at Ben-Gurion Airport, causing departing passengers to wait as much as three hours to complete all formalities, Ilim reported yesterday. Planes have sometimes left before all passengers were on board, the news agency said.

Soldiers followed rules in most cases—Orr

Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Soldiers acted correctly in 95 per cent of the cases in which they fired on Arab demonstrators, O/C Central Command Aluf Orr said Wednesday.

He was replying to questions over Gali Zahal, the army radio station, alleging that troops fired to disperse Arabs, but did not take firm enough action to stop Jews from setting fire to the Hebron market after the murder of Aharon Gross last month.

Orr said the soldiers are allowed to shoot only if their lives are in danger and that was not the case when the market was set ablaze.

He denied Arabs had significant quantities of weapons. Orr said Gross had been stabbed, not gunned down, and the rifle used to shoot at residents of Shavei Shomron earlier this week was an old British model which "is not in use in any army in the world."

Helpful citizens' jailed as pickpockets

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Two suspected pickpockets yesterday helped elderly passengers-board buses and even received a "blown" kiss from a 73-year-old man who was touched by their kindness and unaware that they had apparently slipped IS2,000 out of his pocket.

The pickpockets, allegedly caught in the act by police detectives, were arrested and the old man was taken off the bus to identify his wallet. He refused at first to believe the detectives, and argued that the two men who helped him on the bus were "good people" and could not be thieves.

The detectives continued following the suspects, who took the bus to Tel Aviv and got off at Gan Hakovshim. There, at the number 10 bus stop, they helped an old man to get on the bus and while doing so, they allegedly took his wallet. They were both arrested.

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## Italy's 1st Socialist-led government is sworn in

ROME (Reuters). — Bettino Craxi yesterday became Italy's first Socialist Prime Minister and named his ministers for the country's 44th post-war government.

The 49-year-old Milan lawyer accepted the post of premier after two weeks of intensive negotiations.

His five-party government has five Socialists, Christian Democrats in 16 ministries and monetarist Republicans in three others. It faces major economic problems, with inflation running at over 15 per cent, the highest rate in the European Community.

Craxi has pledged to bring this down to 10 per cent next year and seven per cent in 1985.

Prominent figures in the new government include Christian Democrat Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti, a foreign affairs specialist who himself led five governments, the last in 1979.

Andreotti succeeds veteran party colleague Emilio Colombo, who was unwilling to quit and turned down offers of other posts he considered less prestigious, political sources said.

Republican leader and twice

prime minister Giovanni Spadolini replaces Socialist Lello Lagorio as Defence Minister and Christian Democrat Giovanni Goria stays in the treasury.

Former prime minister Arnaldo Forlani, leader of a minority faction of the dominant Christian Democrats, fills the new post of Deputy Prime Minister.

The Christian Democrats have headed all but two of Italy's post-war governments. They were forced to cede the premiership to Craxi after the June elections, when they won only 32.9 per cent, a drop of 5 per cent of the total poll.

The Socialists bid for their first-ever premiership on the basis of a modest increase to 11.4 per cent of the votes. But their ministerial seats have been reduced, from eight to five, showing Craxi has been forced to make major concessions in exchange for the premiership, political sources said.

The Republicans, whose vote almost doubled to 5.1 per cent in June on a platform of economic austerity, took over from Socialists at the Defence and Finance Ministries.

## U.S. Congress is assured Castro bid will be taken up

WASHINGTON. — Congressional leaders said on Wednesday night that a meeting with Secretary of State George Shultz left them confident that the Administration of President Ronald Reagan would follow up on an apparent conciliatory gesture by Cuban president Fidel Castro.

Castro told U.S. television network interviewers last week that he was willing to go along with any regional agreement barring arms shipments in Central America and requiring withdrawal of foreign advisers from such nations as Nicaragua and El Salvador.

The congressional leaders reported that Shultz had pledged to reverse erosion of the Administration's commitment to consult Congress in advance of important foreign policy decisions.

Congressional leaders had complained that they had no advance word of recent U.S. military and

diplomatic moves, notably the decision to hold large-scale military maneuvers off the Pacific and Caribbean coasts of Honduras.

France is cutting off military equipment to leftist Nicaragua, French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson announced in Bogota. He told a press conference that France has so far provided Nicaragua with \$18 million in military equipment, mainly planes, helicopters and trucks.

France, he said, favoured the peace initiative of the so-called Contadora group in Central America — Mexico, Venezuela, Panama and Colombia — calling for withdrawal of all foreign military personnel and military bases from the turbulent region.

Cheysson made his statement at the end of a two-day official visit to Colombia on a four-nation tour of Latin America. (AP, Reuters)

## Corsican fires blamed on arsonists

APACCIO, Corsica (AP). — More than 500 military and civilian firefighters worked yesterday to extinguish the last of a series of fires that erupted in southern Corsica overnight. Police said the blazes were arson.

About 1,250 acres were ravaged in 90 minutes by at least 15 separate fires that exploded around the Estival area, the island's most populous region. Three firefighters and one tourist were treated for smoke inhalation, and more than 5,000 vacationers were evacuated as

the flames raced toward the sea, officials said.

Firemen worked frantically to contain the flames, which were whipped by winds reaching 80 kilometres per hour.

150 children at a holiday camp near the village of Caramantino were evacuated by military Zodiac rafts, and another 2,000 residents of Caramantino and neighbouring Toile sought safety along the beaches until the fires were brought under control.

## Car bomb explodes in Lesotho capital

MASERU. — A car bomb exploded in the centre of the Lesotho capital yesterday, sending metal fragments flying and breaking windows over a wide area, witnesses said.

There were no immediate reports of casualties and no official indica-

tion who was responsible. Lesotho, which is surrounded by South Africa, has been troubled for some time by rebels of the Lesotho Liberation Army (LLA), which the government says is backed by the Republic.



Workers in Colombo, Sri Lanka, remove the blackened shell of a van, burnt-out in last week's fighting between the island's Sinhalese majority and Tamil minority. (UPI telephoto)

## Colombo parliament moves to ban Tamil separatists

COLOMBO (Reuters). — Strict security was enforced yesterday as Sri Lanka's parliament began discussing legislation to ban political parties that advocate a separate state for the minority Tamil community.

The proposed amendment to the constitution follows ethnic violence which swept the country last week killing 295 people and causing widespread destruction of property.

The law will effectively ban the main Tamil party, the Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF), which is campaigning for a separate state.

The violence was provoked when guerrillas killed 13 soldiers in an ambush in the northern district of Jaffna on July 23.

The supreme court ruled Wednesday that two clauses in the proposed law dealing with the forfeiture of property belonging to separatists did not conform with the constitution.

The government was expected to amend the two clauses to bring them into line with the constitution.

The law prohibits individuals and organizations from advocating or working for the establishment of a separate state. Penalties for violations include suspension of civic rights for seven years and the forfeiture of property.

A Sri Lankan Tamil leader has accused government troops of killing and looting during the violence, an Indian newspaper reported yesterday.

The Times of India quoted Appapillai Amirthalingam, general secretary of TULF seeking a separate state, as saying soldiers gunned down 40 people including women in the Tamil northern district of Jaffna.

The Times of India said it was publishing Amirthalingam's statement because it had been suppressed in Sri Lanka under censorship rules.

## Protester pours blood on U.S. general in Germany

WIESBADEN (Reuters). — A deputy of the radical Greens Party yesterday poured a bottle of his own blood over a U.S. general to protest against the Reagan government's Central American policy.

Frank Schwalbe-Hoth, a Greens deputy in the Hesse state parliament, took the quarter litre bottle from under his waistcoat during a reception at the parliament in honour of U.S. army officers based in this central West German state.

After dousing Gen. Paul Williams, Schwalbe-Hoth and a second Greens deputy, Iris Blaul, were led out of the reception hall by security guards.

Blaul told reporters their actions were meant to draw attention to

what she called "the bloody consequence of U.S. policy."

The pair said they were also protesting against the possible stationing of new U.S. medium-range nuclear missiles in West Germany.

A spokesman for Chancellor Helmut Kohl's party, the Christian Democrats, called Schwalbe-Hoth's behaviour "filthy."

Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, in a telegram to U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, expressed outrage over the incident.

The attack also drew widespread condemnation from other political leaders and newspapers and seemed likely to embarrass West Germany's anti-nuclear protest movement.

## UK unemployment rises above 3 million

LONDON (Reuters). — Unemployment in Britain climbed above three million last month to reach 3,020,600, 12.7 per cent of the work force, the Department of Employment said yesterday.

The opposition Labour Party immediately attacked the ruling Conservatives over the latest figures, condemning the govern-

ment's "relentless and inhuman economic policy."

The party's employment spokesman, Eric Varley, said: "The figures highlight the waste of a nation — the worst peace-time disaster to hit our country in modern times. In the autumn and winter the misery and waste will get worse."

In West Germany yesterday, the government announced that the number of jobless rose by 75,118 to 2.2 million in July, after falling for four successive months. Those out of work are 8.9 per cent of the labour force, compared to 8.7 per cent in June.

## Dollar rises sharply against pound sterling

LONDON (AP). — The U.S. dollar rose sharply against the British pound yesterday, but showed a mixed rate against other currencies, as exchange markets reverberated in the aftermath of mass intervention by central banks.

Dealers said the dollar's four-month high against sterling — 1.4840 dollars to the pound — was a result of the failure of the Bank of England to join with other banks in selling the American currency to brake its rise. Investors took advantage of the London bank's absence to bid up the U.S. currency. Sterling rebounded before day's end, though, to finish at 1.4870, still down nearly 2 cents from 1.5060 late Wednesday.

## Thatcher's eye operation 'a complete success'

WINDSOR (AP). — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's surgeon said yesterday an operation performed on a detached retina in the leader's right eye had been a complete success and said she would fully recover.

"The operation has been totally successful and she is very cheerful," ophthalmic surgeon Richard Packard told reporters.

## 4 IRA men jailed for life; Belfast gears for reprisals

BELFAST (AP). — Four Irish Republican Army leaders were sentenced to life in prison for murder yesterday, and police braced for revenge attacks by the outlawed Provisional IRA.

Police intercepted guerrillas driving a bomb-laden milk truck in downtown Belfast and arrested the driver and two men in a car following them. Police said they believed the bomb was to have been planted at the Castlereagh police station in east Belfast, which the IRA has called a "torture centre."

Judge Basil Kelly, wearing a bullet-proof vest under his black robes, handed life sentences to Kevin Mulgrew, 27, Charles McKiernan, 23, and Gerard Loughlin, 27, for killing a part-time sergeant in the Ulster Defence Regiment on October 21, 1981.

McKiernan and Kevin Barry Art, 23, were jailed for life for assassinating Albert Miles, deputy governor of Belfast's Maze prison on November 26, 1978.

Mulgrew, dubbed "Little Napoleon" by the provos for his ruthlessness, headed an IRA death

squad in Belfast's Ardoyne district. He was also convicted on nearly 50 other charges.

The trial stemmed from the testimony of informer Christopher Black. Altogether 35 IRA activists were found guilty of 160 terrorist charges in the 120-day-old trial, the longest in Irish legal history.

Black's testimony virtually wiped out the guerrilla network in the staunchly Roman Catholic district of Ardoyne.

Black's mother Margaret said after the sentencing: "my son is as good as dead. The IRA have sworn to kill him."

Three other men implicated by Black were acquitted on charges of belonging to the mainly Roman Catholic IRA that is fighting to end British rule in Protestant-dominated Northern Ireland.

Black, 29, was granted immunity from prosecution in return for fingering his comrades. After testifying for 16 days, police smuggled him abroad with his wife and four children and gave them new identities.

## Iraq says Syrian 'agents' took part in Iranian attack

BAGHDAD (Reuters). — Iraq's top army commander on the northern Gulf war front was quoted yesterday as saying that "Syrian agents" had taken part in Iran's recent offensive in the area.

The commander of the First Army Corps in the north said that Iran had taken the Kermend peak near the Iraqi garrison town of Haj Omran with the help of "traitors" (Kurdish rebels) and "agents of the Syrian regime," the Al-Thawra newspaper reported.

Al-Thawra said the commander, a major-general which it did not name, did not rule out a fresh Iranian "adventure" in the area, but said that Iraqi forces were ready to defeat it.

The First Army commander has previously been named as Maj.-Gen. Ne'ma Faris Hussein.

Syria backs Iran in the three-year old war and has been at odds with Iraq for several years. Syria and Iraq are ruled by rival factions of the Ba'ath Arab Socialist Party.

Iran captured the Kermend peak during an offensive launched three days ago in the mountainous area around Haj Omran.

Iraq said it retook the peak a few days later after its commandos parachuted in behind Iranian lines in what official media described as "one of the greatest commando operations in the history of the Iraqi army."

## Soviet chessmen may play in semi-finals

LUCERNE, Switzerland (Reuters). — The World Chess Federation (FIDE) said yesterday there is still a chance that Soviet grandmasters Garry Kasparov and Valery Smyslov would play in the World Chess Championship semi-finals.

Kasparov and Smyslov wrote yesterday in the Soviet daily, *Sovetsky Sport*, that they would boycott the semi-finals unless the venues were changed.

They said FIDE president Florencio Campomanes had ignored Kasparov's wish to play

Soviet defector Viktor Korchnoi in The Netherlands instead of Pasadena, California.

FIDE secretary general Lim Kok Ann told Reuters the players still had until one hour before tomorrow's matches to show up.

"We received a protest by individual players but no official word from the Soviet Chess Federation that the players will boycott the matches," Lim told Reuters. "There is still a chance they will turn up."

## Cosmonauts to return capsule to earth

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Two Soviet cosmonauts aboard the orbiting Salyut-7 space complex are preparing to send some of the fruits of their work back to earth, the official Soviet news agency TASS reported yesterday.

TASS said cosmonauts Vladimir Lyakhov and Alexander Alexandrov had started loading the return capsule of the Cosmos-1443 vessel with cine and photo materials.

"We also plan to bring back to earth several instruments which have been operating in space for a

long time and for this reason are of interest to specialists," it quoted deputy mission director Viktor Blagov as saying.

The newspaper *Komsomolskaya Pravda* said yesterday that the Cosmos-1443, first thought to be only a freight-carrying craft, played an important role in steering the Salyut complex.

"It has corrected the orbit of the complex more than once," the Young Communist League daily said.

## Columbia president reshuffles cabinet

BOGOTA (Reuters). — Colombian President Belisario Betancur has dismissed six cabinet ministers and reassigned two others in a government reorganization that followed changes in the high commands of the army, navy and police.

The ministers of defence, foreign affairs, finance, mines and energy, and communications retained their posts.

The reshuffle followed the resignation on Tuesday of 10 ministers and the announcement Wednesday of what the president called routine changes in the leadership of the security forces.

The new cabinet still has six members of Betancur's Conservative Party. The other seven belong to the Liberal Party.

No official explanation was given for the restructuring of the administration, which took office last August for a four-year term.

## Rare quintuplet birth without fertility drugs

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (AP). — Quintuplets were born Wednesday to a 21-year-old woman, Suzanne Gaiher, who had not taken fertility drugs. Doctors described the odds as one in 30 million or more.

The three girls and two boys, born six weeks premature and delivered by Caesarian section, "are generally doing very well" but may have to be hospitalized for up to a month, according to Dr. James Lemons of University Hospital.

## Sports

### Three Israelis to run at Helsinki

By JACK LEON  
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel will be represented by only three athletes in next week's inaugural World Track and Field Championships in Helsinki. Those will be Yair Karni and Zehava Shmueli in the marathon and Mark Handelsman in the 800-metres. The Israel Amateur Athletic Association had hoped to send up to six more sportsmen to the meet, but none of the others met the qualifying standards set by the International Amateur Athletic Federation, IAAF general-secretary Avi Stein reported yesterday.

Shmueli, 27, mother of two small boys, will be the first of the three in action, with the women's marathon already being held on Sunday, the opening day of the week-long event. Last April, Shmueli took 14th place among the 1,300 women participants in the celebrated London Marathon, covering the 42.195 kms in a personal best and national record time of 2 hours, 40 minutes, 29 seconds.

Thirty-two-year-old Karni's fastest time for the distance is 2:17.34, achieved at the 1981 Sheraton Sea of Galilee International Marathon. Handelsman, 22, a recent immigrant from South Africa, has as a personal best time of 1 minute, 45.3 seconds for the 800-metre run.

Among candidates for Helsinki who failed to meet the qualifying standards for their respective events were Ronnie Mazur in the 1,500 metres; Gideon Harman in the high jump; Arif Gamil in the 5,000 and 10,000 metres; Yehuda Tsadok in the 3,000-metre steeplechase; and Yair Meckler in the shot put.

### World swim record

CLOVIS, California (AP). — American Rick Carey, a 20-year-old New Yorker, broke the world record in the 200m. backstroke with a time of 1 minute, 58.93 seconds on Wednesday in a preliminary heat at the U.S. Swimming Championships. He cracked the record of 1:59.19, which John Naber established at the Montreal Games.

### Junior tennis challenge

By JACK LEON  
TEL AVIV. — Israel's tennis players this weekend open their challenge in the last of the summer's European team championships for youth, the boys' Volvo Cup and the girls' Volvo Cup. Israel has an experienced team which has won five of six junior competitions organized by the European Tennis Association, having failed to get beyond the semi-finals in any of the six European championships for the past three years.

The Israelis are fielding strong teams in both events. The Volvo Cup final is in Gland, Switzerland, where Israel's team includes Amos Mosen, Roni Mosen, and Moshe Tzur, with Shlomo Zorot as coach. Playing in the Volvo Cup are Ilan Bergin, Sagit Daron, Sagi Shalev, and Roni Shalev, while the coach is Tami Levin.

In their Volvo Cup final competition in Venice, the boys open today against Romania in what appears to be a fairly easy draw. The winners face Britain in the second round, with the victor of this final meeting either last season Italy or Norway for a place in the August 11-13 final rounds in Baden, Italy.

The girls, however, have much tougher opposition in their final round in Vian, de Canada, Portugal, starting today against the Soviet Union, with Sweden and the host country in the other half of the draw. The final rounds of the Volvo Cup take place in Santander, Spain, in mid-August. Nearly 20 nations are participating in each of these two under-18 championships, which are part of the International Tennis Federation's Junior Ranking Circuit.

Meanwhile, the Israel Tennis Association has decided to stage the country's first-ever professional tennis tournament for women in either Ashdod or Eilat next month. IFA chairman David Harari pulled a goal back for United States Tennis Association meet in being sponsored by Gali Sports Shoes.

### Clerc rampant

INDIANAPOLIS (AP). — In the top men's match of the day in the U.S. Open Clay Court Championships, second-seeded Jose-Luis Clerc of Argentina extended his streak of winning matches to 16 with a 6-1, 6-3 triumph over Hans Simonsson of Sweden.

### Baseball: Wednesday

National League  
Atlanta 6, San Francisco 4; New York 2, Montreal 1; Pittsburgh 7, Philadelphia 2; Chicago 4, St. Louis 0; Houston 1, San Diego 0; Los Angeles 7, Cincinnati 4.

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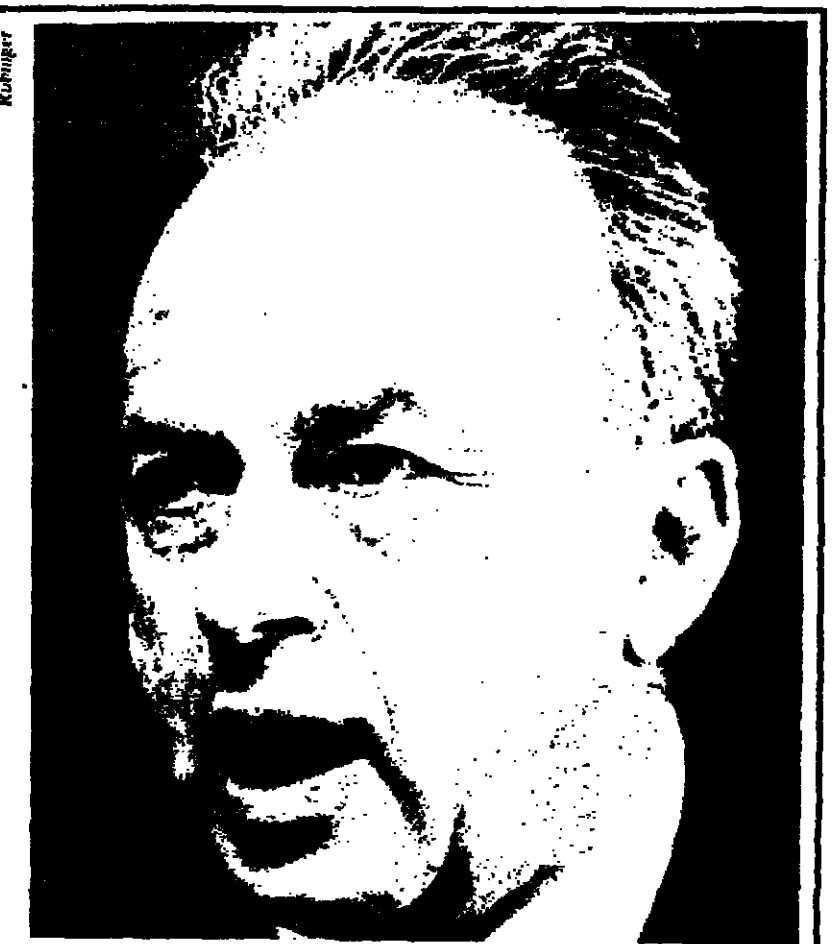
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Political Correspondent Mark Segal talks to former premier Yitzhak Rabin about the Lebanon imbroglio



David Rubinger

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THE COMBINED mistakes of the Reagan administration and the Begin government have not only not produced a Pax Americana in the Middle East, but have put Syria in such a pivotal position that it may use the present impasse in Lebanon to further long-term Soviet strategic aims in the region.

This is the considered opinion of former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who told *The Jerusalem Post* that he expected the immediate outcome of U.S. envoy Robert McFarlane's mission to Damascus to be an intensive Syrian effort to tie the solution of the Lebanese crisis not only to their demand for the return of the Golan Heights, but to an overall solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict at a UN-sponsored conference in Geneva, with the Syrians enjoying equal status with the Americans. Obviously, the Syrians would also seek to revive the waning political fortunes of the PLO by having them attend the conference as a full partner.

Rabin drew attention to the little-publicized statement recently issued by Tass, wherein there was talk of reverting to the terms of reference in the working paper drafted by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko with then U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, which spoke of returning to the Geneva framework. That statement, later downplayed by the Carter administration after strong domestic pressure, not to mention Israeli objections, was widely seen as having influenced the late Anwar Sadat to make his historic Jerusalem journey.

In this connection, Rabin recalled how past U.S. policy had succeeded in bringing Israel and Egypt nearer in a move-by-move strategy, which resulted in the neutralization of the Soviets. Today, the Syrians, propelled into a position of influence, were trying, with the help of the Soviets, to destroy the Lebanon-Israel agreement — to which in any case Rabin, like his fellow Labour MKs, ascribes little importance.

The former premier noted that another premise of American Middle Eastern policy had been demonstrably proven false by recent events. This was Washington's

view of Saudi Arabia as its mainstay in the region.

"The Saudi royal family run the richest and weakest regime in the Middle East," said Rabin. "King Fahd has never delivered on anything. That held with King Hussein over the Reagan initiative, when Fahd showed that he would never move one inch more than Yasser Arafat allowed him to. The Americans have once again shown how mistaken they are by talking of the Saudis ensuring that Damascus will support Washington's design."

Talking of what should be done in Lebanon, Rabin repeatedly stressed how much he had opposed the government's war aims — "before, after and during the war." He had disagreed strongly with Begin's advocacy of an initiated war, contending that it was only justifiable for Israel in circumstances of no alternative, as in 1967, when he was chief of staff. He did not believe that an initiated war could attain such far-reaching goals as imposing peace on an Arab country. Nor could he envisage that a peace treaty could serve as a war aim.

He also challenged the concept of war as an instrument of political change. "The Arab world has been seen to be no peace treaty," he said. "Syria has come out in a stronger position, controlling one-third of Lebanon. American expectations of persuading Syria to pull out all its forces and comply with the Israel-Lebanon agreement have proven illusory."

IN RABIN'S VIEW, the government was duty-bound to review its goals, and he would advise it to focus primarily on consolidating the achievements of a terrorist-free zone that was the official and initial purpose of the operation. Namely, freeing Galilee from any future threat from across the border by creating a security zone of 40-45 kms. to be controlled by the Haddad forces and UNIFIL.

Knowing his negative opinion of UNIFIL's value in the past, I wondered at his new approach.

"I've changed my mind about the value of UNIFIL after witnessing the ineffectiveness of the multinational force. It was my experience in Beirut that whenever they see an armed civilian, they call in the Lebanese Army, not daring to disarm these men. At least UNIFIL has tried to disarm such armed men."

He was deeply concerned about the long-term effect on U.S.-Israel relations of having American soldiers stationed here to defend this country. Nothing could be more certain to undermine the unwritten Alliance between the two countries. He warned, "The last thing I want is to have GIs expected to shed their blood for Israel against terrorists."

Rabin is anxious for Israel to withdraw totally from Lebanon with the utmost speed, making sure that the pull-out of the IDF and the consolidation of the 45-km. security zone is performed in such a way as to deny Syria the right to influence events. "I want to ensure that the attainment of these two goals does not depend on anything Syria might do or say. This could be done by means of consultations with the U.S. and Lebanon without according them any veto rights on the decision to carry out a phased withdrawal and its timetable."

How would he carry out this proposal?

Basically, he explained, it was a matter of implementing the Lebanon-Israel agreement without its hinging on Syria. He would do it in two phases. Phase one: pulling back the IDF as soon as possible from their present deployment to the Awali line, with a parallel redeployment of forces facing the

Syrians in the Bekaa Valley. Phase two: give two to three weeks' notice to the Lebanese and U.S. governments to allow them to get organized, and send the Lebanese army with or without the MNF, into the vacated areas.

He was intent on this two-phased scheme, declaring, "Even if they show reluctance to comply, we should move unilaterally, even if it means that the PLO takes over."

He would focus next on preparations to make suitable arrangements in the area between the Awali and the international border, which could be done within three months at the most, and then withdraw completely.

"I don't believe that PLO terrorist cells will not exist in the security zone. After all, they are there now, while the IDF is still in full control. It's an illusion to think all terrorist phenomena can be permanently eradicated. It should be our purpose to prevent any recurrence of the pre-war situation, when the PLO was in full control and a semi-military force."

Rabin conceded that people might ask him whether he cared who would be in power in Beirut and who would rule Lebanon, and thus be partners in getting the Syrians and the PLO out. "My answer would be yes, it is important and it is highly desirable that the right kind of government hold sway. But it does not justify a continued IDF presence, and certainly not the price Israel would certainly have to pay. Just as I never considered it worth embarking on this war, I find no justification for prolonging the IDF presence in Lebanon."

WAS AN accommodation with Syria in the cards?

In Rabin's considered view, the worst choice would be for the U.S. and Israel to allow Syria to link settling the Lebanese crisis to an overall solution of the Middle East conflict. Washington had made a series of mistakes in August and September 1982. After having secured the PLO's evacuation from West Beirut, the U.S. had been in a strong position: the Syrians had sustained a severe setback and Soviet prestige had been dealt a blow. However, Rabin thought that the advantages had been wasted by Washington and Jerusalem, both governments failing to appreciate that such weakness was of a temporary nature. The Americans had allowed their position of strength to cloud their judgment, and the Israeli government dreamed of far-reaching goals, with Begin proclaiming to a Tel Aviv rally that "peace with Lebanon will come by the end of the year." It was at that juncture that President Reagan produced his initiative, conjuring up a vision of a Pax Americana in the Middle East after attaining it in Lebanon. They aimed at bringing so-called moderate Jordan into the peace process, and at excluding Syria and the Soviets.

The result, as Rabin perceived it, was that "alarm bells started clanging throughout the Kremlin, resulting in the speedy despatch of even newer missiles to Syria, thus changing the military and hence the political situation. Syria then succeeded in torpedoing the Reagan plan, due partly to Saudi impotence, and then proceeded with active Soviet encouragement to do its best to block the American-initiated Lebanon-Israel agreement."

Asked to comment on the accusation that he had advised Ariel Sharon to tighten the siege of Beirut and even turn off the water supply to the city with its sizeable civilian

population sheltering the terrorist forces. Rabin seemed relieved at the opportunity afforded him of setting the record straight.

"I want to make it clear that it was my position that the siege had to be tightened. It was not made to Sharon personally but to certain state forums, and I also published my view at the time. My reasoning was that once the government — in contradiction to our position and our advice — had expanded the war, and extended our lines into East Beirut, Israel faced the problem of West Beirut."

"We had three options: one, to take West Beirut by force; two, to pull back unilaterally from Beirut to the original war target of 45 kms.; three, once we entered East Beirut in order to effect an agreement for the evacuation of the Syrians and the PLO from West Beirut, I realized, as a Labour member of the Knesset Defence and Security Committee, that in deciding what had to be done we could hardly ignore the facts on the ground. I thought the best thing for Israel would be to tighten the siege on West Beirut." Here he waxed emotional: "I repeat, I regarded the war as a national tragedy, and did my utmost to prevent it."

Why did he not support unilateral withdrawal from Beirut?

Rabin became rather agitated. Leaning over his desk, he declared in a sombre voice: "I thought leaving Beirut in such a manner would mean a clear-cut victory for the PLO and a defeat for the IDF. So I recommended that we exert pressure to expedite the evacuation. You see, I doubted from the first that Philip Habib could manage to swing it. But I want to make it clear — I strongly opposed the barbaric bombing of Beirut during those two days. As I saw the situation, I had to

choose the lesser evil to resolve a situation I did not want in the first place." The use of the word "barbaric" was his only hint of criticism of his old comrade-in-arms, Ariel Sharon.

FINALLY we turned to party politics, and to the fust over his renewed challenge to Shimon Peres' primacy. Why now, and didn't he think it might harm his party's prospects of winning back voters?

The once-and-future contestant for the Labour leadership explained that his ploy had been intrinsically linked with his effort to bring about early elections.

"I am very much for general elections in November or December. I believe we would have a good choice of doing well — if not a landslide, then an acceptable victory over the Likud of three to five seats. For the country's sake, we have to introduce changes in the main policy areas, whether Lebanon, the West Bank or the economy. The time factor is crucial; if we wait another two years, the West Bank situation will be that much more intractable, with another 20,000 settled there. We must get out of Lebanon as soon as possible. And the economy will only deteriorate more and more."

In this matter, Peres and he agreed on the need for early elections. They did not see why Labour should initiate legislation for the dissolution of the Knesset, but were on record as being ready to support any initiative from a coalition partner. Indeed, Labour had voted for Tami's bill, which had been defeated by the other coalition parties. For his part, he would limit the period of the election campaign.

As to Labour's internal affairs, Rabin held that "the question of

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MINISTER without Portfolio Mordechai Ben-Porat is an institution in Israeli politics. But a one-man institution, nevertheless.

Born Mordechai Kazaz in Baghdad, 60 years ago, Ben-Porat has never campaigned in the name of the Iraqi Jewish community or for Sephardim in the political sense, although there may have been times when fellow-politicians who sponsored him exploited the fact that Ben-Porat has a great deal of charisma for Jews of Iraqi origin.

As co-chairman of WOJAC (World Organization of Jews from Arab Countries) Ben-Porat has, however, demanded that the material claims of Jews from Arab countries be put on the agenda of all peace talks between Israel and those countries. The fact that his demand was ignored by Prime Minister Menachem Begin during the negotiations with Egypt, made no difference to Ben-Porat's joining the second Begin government in July 1982.

In Iraq, in the late '30s and early '40s, he joined Hehalutz, the roof organization of the pioneer youth movements, simply because that was the only active Zionist youth body, and not because it was the creation of the Eretz Yisrael labour movement.

Settled permanently in Israel after exploits and vicissitudes in the Iraqi underground, Ben-Porat could identify with personalities, if they were impressive enough, but not with parties. He was content to be a follower as long as the late David Ben-Gurion and Moshe Dayan were the leaders, but once they were off the scene, he reverted to his type: the one-man institution.

BEN-PORAT entered the present, Tenth Knesset, as the second man on the Telem list, headed by Dayan. After the latter's death,

when a place on the list became free, Ben-Porat moved up and Yigael Hurvitz entered it.

Ideology did not mean all that much to the two-man Telem faction before or after the 1981 Knesset elections. Power meant more — and that goes for Hurvitz as well as for Ben-Porat. The faction negotiated simultaneously with Labour and with the Likud, before plunging for the latter. Then, three weeks before joining the coalition, Telem dissolved itself politically, albeit not financially.

But, for Ben-Porat, power does not mean exercising patronage, running a ministry to be staffed with his followers, or dispensing budgets on the national or the municipal level. It means having his say in the top decision-making forum.

"*Ant mashmia kol*," he says. "I make my voice heard. And that's how I define my function."

He does not mind wearing the mantle of the prophet crying in the wilderness. He is ironic, but not bitter, about the cabinet ministers who mocked or chided him in March this year, when he urged the IDF's redeployment to the Awali River line in Southern Lebanon.

"One of them, a Likud minister, told me it was a shame and a pity that I so much as pronounced the proposal. Another, from a smaller coalition party, said I was preaching a counsel of despair. But today would any minister dream of objecting to the IDF redeployment?" he asked rhetorically.

I TALKED to the minister on the day reports appeared about the revolt within the PLO intensifying, and about a proposal to the next PLO council meeting the establishment of a Palestine Arab government-in-exile.

"The fighting in the Bekaa is doing the PLO damage it can ill-afford

Post Knesset Correspondent Asher Wallfish talks to Mordechai Ben-Porat, a minister who does not mind wearing the mantle of the prophet crying in the wilderness.

## A one-man institution



Allan Auerbach

to sustain," says Ben-Porat. "The internal strife means that the terrorists have no time to attack our soldiers in Lebanon or to organize operations against us in other theatres."

As Syrian control grows over the PLO, or parts of it, Syria will be both to let the PLO act against Israel and Israelis, for fear of retaliation, he says.

"When terror acts occur, we shall know whether groups linked to Syria were responsible, and, when we so choose, we shall hit back at the patron as well as the client. Remember, that the Syrian authorities do not let the PLO operate across the Golan cease-fire line, for that very reason. Remember that after the Six Day War the Jordanian authorities gradually made up their minds to prevent terror operations from their territory against us," says the minister.

Ben-Porat is not disturbed at the possibility that the PLO might form a government-in-exile.

"If it had its seat in Tripoli, all the Arab states which abhor Libyan President Muammar Gaddafi would refuse to recognize it. If the Palestinian government had its seat in Cairo, all the Arab states which have not yet swallowed Camp David will damn Arafat along with Hosni Mubarak," he says. "It would widen the existing splits in the Arab world. And that would not be to our disadvantage, by any means."

HE ATTACHES great weight to recent statements by Syrian President Hafez Assad that Syria cannot tolerate the presence of IDF troops 29km. from Damascus, as the crow flies. "He does not want an all-out scrap with Israel, and we too do not want an all-out scrap with him. There is a balance of fear, if we can use that concept," he says.

Ben-Porat rejects the opinion (which I recently heard from one of Israel's most knowledgeable and influential civil servants) that Assad is not worried about the implications of his army being smitten on the battlefield or his cities bombed, because he has his subjects firmly under this thumb and does not fear a coup d'etat.

"Assad cannot afford to see his army damaged the way his air force was last year," Ben-Porat maintains. "He is a hard man, but even he won't be around for ever. And, in any case, I think the Middle East will soon provide us with a few surprises."

Ben-Porat joined the cabinet after Operation Peace for Galilee was well under way, so he had no part in deciding to launch it, and hence cannot be considered as committed to the cabinet decisions, for which he bears no responsibility. But of course his entry came when Begin and the coalition were riding high on a crest of popularity.

In the cabinet, he has several times been quoted as challenging tactical moves, military as well as political, with regard to Lebanon, but he has never queried the underlying purpose of the operation.

"There are all sorts of things in the balance-sheet of Lebanon, but I'm convinced that Israel gained great advantage from the damage it did to the PLO," Ben-Porat believes.

"Arafat is a broken leader who does not wield authority among his fighting men or in his diaspora. American President Ronald Reagan has downgraded the PLO publicly, and his judgment has been echoed in Europe, as well as in the Arab world."

"No wonder the European Community has stopped frowning at us," he said, pointing to a clipping on his desk from the London Times with

its recent editorial declaring that, "There is now no worthy Palestinian to whom the world can talk."

THE MINISTER is not concerned that the U.S. administration might revive the Reagan Plan or come out with some other proposals for a Palestine Arab entity.

He is aware that Secretary of State George Shultz spoke to Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens in Washington about the situation on the West Bank, and that, some months earlier, Vice-President George Bush told Israelis he was worried about the plight of the refugees.

This is where his own plan for refugee resettlement comes in. He takes this plan very seriously and expects the government to endorse it in the coming weeks.

"The refugees would be rehoused where they are — in Lebanon, Jordan, Gaza and Syria, as well as in Judea and Samaria," he says. "The camp sites will become urban housing developments."

"Israel would not have to invest any money in the project, as regards the refugees under its own control. I expect the United States would agree to sponsor an international fund-raising scheme. Most of the ministers I have spoken to privately say they will vote for my plan when it comes to the cabinet."

"I have talked to very many Arab refugees in the camps and they say they are ready to abandon their dreams of returning to Jaffa, Lod and Ramle," Ben-Porat says. "In any case, they would not be asked, in return for resettlement, to sign any waivers to claims on their former properties left in 1948. Such claims would be balanced against the material claims of Jews from Arab lands in any eventual comprehensive claims conference," he explains.

IS A VOTE for Shlomo (Chich) Lahat in Tel Aviv and Shlomo Toussia-Cohen in Jerusalem a vote for Ariel Sharon? That is the question now being asked with the launching of the 1983 municipal election campaign this week, in which the Unstoppable Arik is the Likud's star turn. Even the party organizers are quite amazed by the ra-ra response evoked by the portly ex-general, who seems to be making something of a comeback on the mayoral candidates' shoulders. He has already been invited by 14 of them to bolster their fortunes, and this week came to Tel Aviv to campaign for Chich among voters in the Ramat Aviv neighbourhood. His previous engagement in Bnei Brak was an exercise in ego massage, when Likud candidate Aharon

Grimstein introduced him as "the symbol of our security" and the crowd roared: "*Arik, melech Yisrael*."

In his triumphant progress from one Likud meeting to another, Sharon never touches on the ostensible reason for his presence — the local elections; instead he uses every occasion to spread his triple-pronged stab-in-the-back message. One part is aimed against the media ("Who's talking about would-be dictators? The real dictatorship is that of the 30 journalists who decide what people should hear"); another attacks the Kahan Commission ("Its verdict will be revised by democratic means"); the third, criticizes his own government ("Moshe Arens and Yitzhak Shamir rushed to Washington to kowtow

to the Americans"). He even attacks Premier Menachem Begin by implication, equalling his own enforced resignation from the Defence Ministry to "the season," the period when the Hagana collaborated with the British against the IZL.

The only time anyone stood up to him was at the Herut Youth rally at Metsudat Ze'ev, the party's national headquarters, when former Herut youth leader Michael Eitan angered him by declaring: "You're attacking the prime minister!" Eitan was almost lynched by the audience after Sharon treated him to the full blast of his temper: "Your eyes drip with poisonous hatred...I've eaten people like you for breakfast..."

No one came to Eitan's rescue, on the contrary, Likud Knesset fac-

tion whip Ronnie Milo and Deputy Finance Minister Haim Kaufman soothed Arik's ego, referring to him as a top Likud leader. "Sharon will be one of the pillars of our team," argued Milo. "If he gets the right cabinet job, I promise you things will be in better order — and that includes the media," he added ominously, to the crowd's cheers. Kaufman, who heads the Likud local government election campaign said, "Sharon has the kind of survivability possessed by few leaders in Israel...I'm convinced he'll shortly be back at the top, where he belongs." Meanwhile, Arik is missing more cabinet meetings than he attends. This week's excuse was "technical reasons." Did he, perhaps, have to water his vast crop of watermelons?

When I ask friendly Herut sources why Begin lets Arik wage his anti-government campaign under party auspices, they quote the old English adage about "giving him enough rope to hang himself."

I'M TOLD that antennae have been probing the corridors of power ever since the report was flashed to Jerusalem that when U.S. Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger parted from Defence Minister Arens at the Pentagon last week, he unbent as much as to say: "I hope to meet you next as prime minister of Israel."

NO WONDER, my favourite Beginologist says, that the prime minister was so effusive in praising Deputy Premier David Levy, this week on receiving a copy of the MK for Beit Shean's biography from its author: *Yediot Aharonot's Arye Amerl*. "I am very fond of David Levy, he knows that well," said Begin, adding "He's an excellent orator. I don't agree with those who claim he tries to imitate my style." The presentation copy bore the following dedication from Levy: "Dear Mr. Begin... As the man who many years ago perceived the historic change that turned 'the second Israel' into a new Israel, you'll surely find interest in a book about a representative of that same Israel which your leadership enabled to express its better aspiration."

MAYOR LAHAT seems to have mislaid his sense of humour; when Israel Radio's David (Dudu) Margalit did a programme this week about the new look of the Tel Aviv promenade, one local citizen hoped that the hundreds of comfortable seats wouldn't disappear the day after the mayoral elections, and another quipped "So many seats for one chair." Instead of laughing it off, Chich snapped: "What a wicked insinuation!"

THE TWO Ambache sisters, Aura and Sary, this week took their husbands, President Chaim Herzog and MK Abba Eban, back to the Jerusalem hilltop village of Motza, which their maternal grandfather, Michael Steinberg helped found. Steinberg built the old brick factory which everyone passes before climbing the final slope to the capital, and the village fathers plan to name a street after him next month. The two couples spent the week enjoying the fresh air at the Arza rest home, which used to be a vacation spot favoured by Herzog's predecessor by two, the late Zalman Shazar, and was also used as a retreat by Golda Meir. The Herzog-Eban stay was understandably a well-kept secret, and rest home manager Arye Segal declined to confirm it when I phoned him.

What I did learn elsewhere was that the Herzogs' initial problem was restraining the other vacationers from getting up every time they entered the communal

## The return of Arik?

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Ahmed Gomaa (Millman)



Shlomo Lahat (Prior)

dining hall. Next week the presidential pair will continue their vacation at their Herzliya home. On their return to Jerusalem, they will finally take up residence at Beit Hanassi, where repairs on the living quarters made them seek alternative accommodation, first at the Jerusalem Hilton and, more recently, as guests of Mrs. Gita Sherover in her remarkable villa near the Jerusalem Theatre.

CHANGE IS in the air at the Supreme Court, with the retirement of its president, Justice Yitzhak Kahan on his 70th birthday in November. He will be succeeded by Justice Meir Shamgar, 58, presently second in the hierarchy. Shamgar was appointed to the High Court eight years ago, after serving as attorney-general and IDF advocate-general. He will be the first former IZL fighter to become president of the Supreme Court. In his youth Shamgar was deported by the British to one of the detention camps in Kenya. Justice Miriam Ben-Porat, a former president of the Tel Aviv District Court, will be his deputy, making her the first woman to hold this high judicial post after having been the first woman justice.

MINISTER without-Portfolio Mordechai Ben-Porat was very unpopular among his fellow ministers this week when he suggested they stop treating the government like a travel agency and spend more time at home. He himself has not been abroad for two and a half years. His suggestion that "maybe things can be settled by letter or by phone" evoked screams of outrage from other ministers, led by much-travelled Interior Minister Yosef Burg. Tourism Minister Sharif had a most novel explanation for why so many Israelis travel abroad: the absence of a second TV network, preferably with commercials. Not a word about the high cost of holidaying at home — understandably perhaps, considering that his best pal and party faction moneybags, Michael Albini, head of the Israeli operations of tycoon Shaul Eisenberg's empire, lately took over On Ltd., the largest internal tourism agency.

APROPOS TRAVEL, WZO Youth and Hehalutz head Avraham Katz set something of a record in the organization this past week. Inter-

rupting a Jewish youth tour of the French Riviera, he flew back to Jerusalem for 24 hours to be *Sandek* at the brit mila of his first grandson; born to kibbutznik daughter Hamutal, all at his own expense.

FUNNY, no one seems to have noticed that the impending collapse of so many moshavim comes at a time when the three closest advisers to Finance Minister Aridor are all agricultural economists — his director general, Prof. Ezra Sadan, his aide and deputy governor of the Bank of Israel, Dr. Yakir Plesner, and budgets chief and NRP Yavne kibbutznik, Ya'acov Gadlsh. As Ben-Porat seems poised to appoint his third agriculture minister, Pessah Grupper, farming circles are beginning to spread the blame for the agricultural crisis on his two predecessors, Ariel Sharon and the late Simcha Ehrlich.

One of the saddest men around this week was Lova Eliav, terribly upset over the bankruptcy of the Lachish region moshavim, which he nurtured for so many years. "They were so well-planned and have such good land," he mourned. "But the rot set in when so many of them hired cheap Arab labour from Gaza, and the place became flooded with 'Uncle Ahmed's cabins.'" Back in the late '60s he warned the moshavim would be ruined, Eliav said, "but Golda Meir was too shocked to pay any heed." The real damage occurred after 1977, he maintained, when all resources began to be taken from real farming in Israel to the region east of Kfar Sava, "where they don't even grow one tomato, only plastic villas."

ISRAELI industry, led by Manufacturers Association President Eli Hurvitz, has just launched a bid to persuade more Israelis to buy "Blue and White" as imports threaten to swamp local manufacturing. Well, they'll be interested to learn that the chairs they sit on when meeting MKs on the Knesset terrace all originate in Italy. Their purchase was one of the final actions of former Knesset Clerk Nataniel Lorch, who followed interior decorator Dora Gad's advice. I gather she spent about \$50,000 at one of the country's largest luxury furniture stores to pay for the order.

Another example of "Do as I say, not as I do."

THE HANDSOME building on Rehov Agron in Jerusalem that houses the U.S. consul-general, has a new occupant, *Wet Claveries*, 49, who, as a fledgling member of the U.S. foreign service, served as an aide to then U.S. Ambassador to Israel, the late *Walworth Barbour* at the Tel Aviv embassy. This raises hopes down on the coastal plain that relations will be more cordial than they were between U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis and the previous consul-general, *Brandon Grove*, who on occasion caused displeasure among visiting congressmen at his less-than-balanced stand on the Israel-Arab conflict.

Claveries started off his term by demonstrating his even-handedness. He first held a reception for Arab dignitaries from the territories, such as *Anwar Nassefbeh* of East Jerusalem, Bethlehem Mayor *Ellas Freij* and Ibrahim Tawil of El Bireh. Then, this week, he organized a party for Israelis, where the senior government officials he used to meet as a top member of the U.S. team at the autonomy negotiations were conspicuous by their absence. When I phoned his public affairs officer, *William (Bill) Cavness*, he merely said: "We don't go into too many details about our guest list." Cavness apparently gained a mark in his favour back at Foggy Bottom by getting a lead on AP and other wire services on the atrocity perpetrated at the Hebron Islamic College. It seems he was visiting the college office just when the terrorist band attacked the school.

STANLEY WOOLFSON, secretary to Irish Chief Rabbi David Rosen, has written to advise me that an invitation for President Herzog is indeed in the works in Dublin, where his late father Rabbi Isaac Halver Herzog was the first incumbent of the post, years before he became chief rabbi of Israel.

FURTHER TO our news on the Fourth World Conference on the Psychology of Humour reported in this column, organizing committee chairman, Prof. *Arye Ziv*, head of the Tel Aviv University School of Education, tells me of a planned First International Colloquium on Jewish Humour, featuring subjects such as "Whatever happened to Jewish humour in Israel?" So far Ziv hasn't had much luck with invitations. While *Woody Allen* called back: "Can't come — let me work," *Leo Rosten* (*The Japs of Yiddish*) hasn't even deigned to reply. Not very funny.

FORMER Egyptian counsellor, Dr. *Ahmed Gomaa*, who only 30 days ago left for Cairo, is now back in Israel, after scarcely enough time to unpack his bags. He was summoned back to the embassy to replace *Mohammad Abdel Aziz Basiony*, who had to go home to look after a seriously ill brother, leaving Gomaa as charge d'affaires.

ISRAEL's unofficial ambassador in Madrid, *Shmuel Hadas*, who serves in the Spanish capital as our representative at the international tourism organization, is here for home leave. A week ago, he enjoyed the distinction of being received by King Juan Carlos at the Palacio Real, in the first formal audience given to an official Israeli representative by the Spanish monarch. The Madrid press speaks of impending changes in Israeli-Spanish relations, and even 23 diplomatic ties by the end of the year. Hadas is seen as having played an important role in the opening of the El-Al-Iberia air connection.

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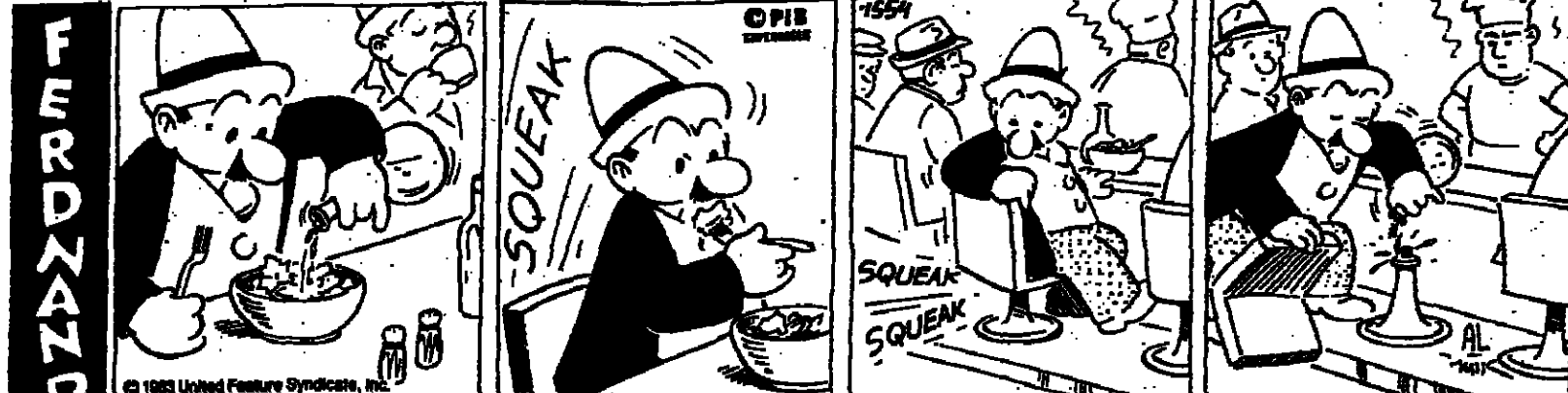
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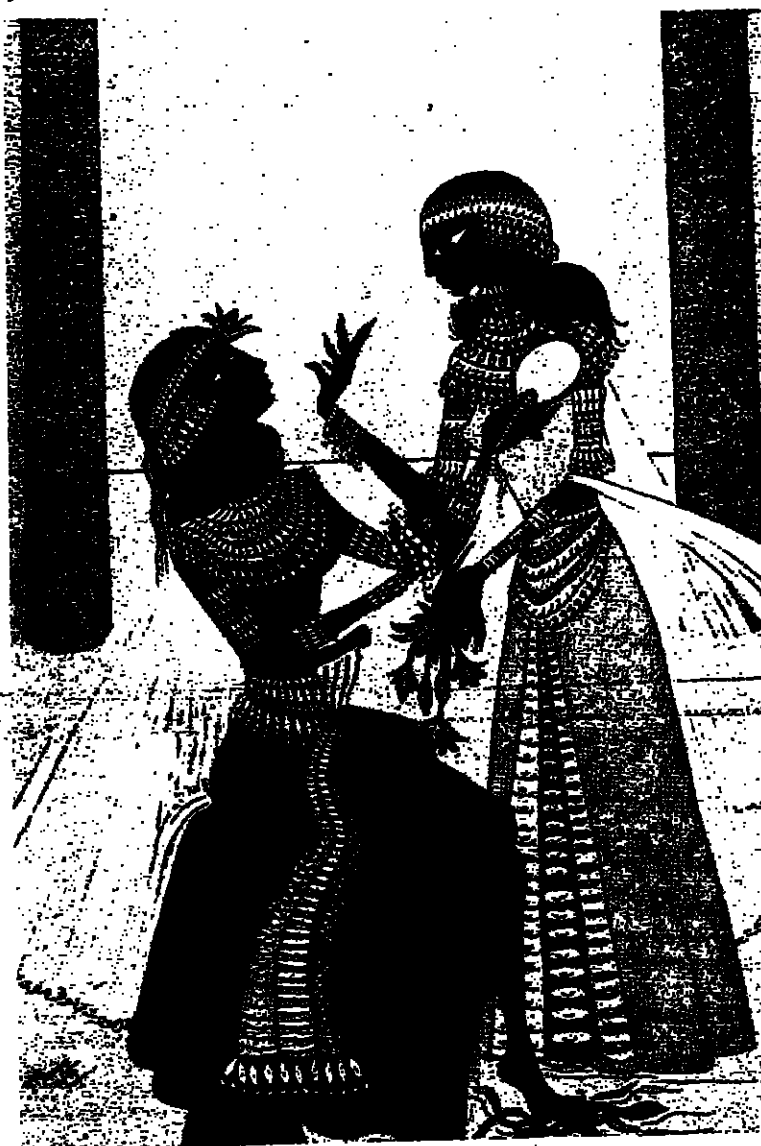


# Building a bridge with art

Egyptian artist Amal Choucri is dedicated to promoting a friendly dialogue between people in her country and ours, she tells The Post's Amy Levinson.



Four samples of paintings by Choucri which have been exhibited in Egypt and elsewhere: (Above right, clockwise) Overseeing the Cattle; Discussing Matters of the Estate with the Scribes; Mother Love; Discussing Fashion with a Friend.



realistic elements in a new composition. My paintings have been very well received," says the artist, opening a fat portfolio of newspaper clippings and brochures from her exhibitions held in Europe, North America and Egypt.

Although some of the works of Choucri and her colleagues have been displayed and purchased in Israel, it is her goal to promote art exhibitions on a larger scale. She hopes to help arrange meetings and informal personal exchanges between Egyptian and Israeli artists in both countries. In addition, she adds, she has been approached by numerous Egyptians of other professional backgrounds to organize trip itineraries and contacts for them in Israel.

"I go away with many impressions of Israel. I know that you are people coming from all parts of the world, but one thing you all have in common is that you are all so very Mediterranean. We Mediterranean people have a special way of living — it's hard to describe.

"Israelis are people who like to laugh and have fun, they are cultured people who love music and art. And family is very important to them, as it is to Egyptians," says Choucri.

After meeting with teachers and students at art schools in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, visiting museums, and talking to artists at Ein Hod, Safad and elsewhere, Choucri concludes: "Art here is so varied and yet so personal. Many artists are painting or sculpting against war. Some are obsessed with doing things against war.

"From a human point of view," she goes on, "I have to be committed to peace, and I say this in all modesty. It is the right of every individual to be committed to a cause. This cause of peace is a very important one.

"It's not easy, but people who are committed must do their little bit. At least we can get a small ball rolling."

Choucri hesitates when asked about the political atmosphere in Cairo vis-à-vis Israel, but ventures to say that, "Many Israelis have come and are coming to Egypt. They have seen for themselves that we want peace. This is a fact.

"We were the first to talk about peace and we talk about it even today. Egyptian politicians are always talking about peace and they mean it. We all mean it."

Besides trying to get a cultural dialogue going between Israel and Egypt, Choucri is also interested in the ties between women of both countries. She was one of the many Egyptian professional women involved in the Jerusalem Women's Seminar programme which took place in Israel and Egypt during the past few weeks and included participants from North America and Israel.

"We as women all have the same problems," says Choucri. "Through getting together like this we can find common interests and reach understanding."

Asked about the status of women in Egypt today, the artist states that it is "quite high — we have achieved a lot. Women can go into any career they want. We are an open society with new technology and new ways of life. But there are certain things we like to keep. We don't want to get too modern..."

controls the situation which will ultimately determine what kinds of human beings her children will be. Women must analyse all the dynamics which help bring about their victimization. It is through the intelligent use of energy that meaningful changes will be realized. It's simply not enough for women to commiserate and support each other. The sources of male attitudes must be understood and treated appropriately.

Today is edited by Joanna Yehiel.

## One woman's view

Although progress has been made in equalizing the status of the sexes, behavioural psychologist Ellie Henkind Katz argues that male behaviour toward women has changed little over the last two decades.

regarded as a symptomatic treatment of the whole issue. Rape is at best a rotten political statement of sexual psychology.

Is it possible to analyse the environment that most likely generates this offence? How one regards the etiology of rape is a function of one's theoretical predilections. But basically, I believe, the predisposition to such an act is connected with early attitudes about sex that somehow never bloomed in healthy ways.

As time passed, as situations and life experience were accrued, something encouraged the potential rapist to cross the line from rumination and fantasy, to act. Something led him to believe that he could legitimately rape a woman — as if an element, basic to sexual psychology, exists that tolerates this

victimization.

Each rapist has his own personal history which in great measure reflects itself somewhere in his present day life-style. As varied as personal circumstances might be, I would not be surprised to find innumerable similarities in the psycho-social background of rapists. These features which form the general rapist psychology could be used in a programme of social reform designed to change not only the rape phenomenon in society, but also the whole psychology of women and men.

I suspect that this will not be realized in the near future, but surely it can happen over the next decades. In a time when women have begun to take themselves seriously, they must recognize that this same seriousness must be ap-

plied to the collective male consciousness or the victory is negligible.

And even though women will continue tirelessly to haul the boulders up the mountain and endure the inevitable rockslide, I wonder if it is necessary. The waste of energy is embarrassing. Instead of accepting the whole rape syndrome as inevitable, women should apply their "all" to ascertaining what breeds rape and make sure it won't arise in the next generation.

Not only could there be a dramatic decrease in rape statistics, but also there's a rather strong chance that men and women will treat each other in more loving and mature ways. It's even possible that whatever is causing sexual psychopathology in general might be significantly reduced.

If this healthy level of awareness is ever reached, probably a lot of neurotic behaviour will fade. People's yearnings and goals might be more positive and attainable. The frustration that motivates so many desperate and empty acts might ebb.

IT'S A faraway dream, but not a foolish one. The answer lies only in the correct use of energy. Women are serious but are not applying themselves to the whole problem. If they persist in dealing only with the symptoms, they will never be able to see a time when they are equal in men's eyes. Collective male consciousness is at the root of women's multi-faceted victimization. To see real change, you have to work on the roots of the disorder from the onset.

Since child-rearing is traditionally in the woman's hands, the serious mother ought to do all she can to make sure her sons and daughters reflect healthy attitudes about sex. Bringing up children is where a woman can exert the strongest influence on consciousness. It's her hour and it shouldn't be wasted. She

IT CERTAINLY wasn't only Betty Friedan's book *The Feminine Mystique* that made women notice that their position in life is a function of a collective male attitude toward them. But in the last two decades, women have indubitably begun taking themselves more seriously.

Whether it's through rape centres, consciousness-raising groups, or political action meetings, it's women helping women to help themselves. The avenues are numerous and touch nearly every aspect of a woman's life.

The image of women as helpers and nurturers is not unfamiliar to anyone. It's one of the most ancient forms of female behaviour. That women are now using such a traditional "skill" as nurturing in programmes of self-help shows that advances are being made in their general outlook on life.

The changes that women have succeeded in effecting are real, and are evident in a variety of forms. Many women pride themselves on legislative turn-arounds, which seem to speak most for the efficacy of women's programmes.

It would be pointless and destructive to say that nothing has come out of the last 20 years in terms of women's rights. The real point is how little male behaviour toward women has changed. It is this phenomenon that is the great mystery. For example, why is rape not on the decline? Is it useless to expect that anything so historical can be eradicated? Does no one expect men to change their behaviour?

These questions seem so relevant, yet I think that they are rarely acknowledged. Vast amounts of energy are placed on what may be

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GERMANY has no Loch Ness and no monster to appear when other news dries up in the summer vacation — but it has Franz Josef Strauss, the Bavarian premier, who in the eyes of many Germans is a bit of a monster in his own right. For the whole of July, his doings and travels as a self-appointed shadow foreign minister have occupied the centre of an otherwise fairly empty political stage.

It all began with the billion-marks credit granted to East Germany just before Chancellor Helmut Kohl's visit to Moscow on July 4. It soon turned out that it had been Franz Josef Strauss, the inveterate opponent of credits to the Eastern bloc in general and to East Germany in particular, who had mediated this credit, supplied by a banking consortium led by the Bayerische Landesbank and guaranteed by the West German government.

The central role assumed in what was obviously intended as a gesture of détente by Strauss, who for years had thundered against concessions to the East unless matched by visible counter-concessions, understandably took his fellow cold warriors in the Christian Social Union by surprise. That soon turned to outrage.

A very popular Bavarian Bundestag member, Franz Handlos, who in the last elections obtained the CSU's biggest majority, left it to find his own party. Commentators in the right-wing press fumed and wondered what had happened to the intrepid Strauss, who kept piling explanation on explanation.

Worst of all, at the CSU party convention in mid-July, an event in which the delegates usually gather to reaffirm their faith in the uncrowned king of Bavaria, Strauss was re-elected chairman by only 69 per cent of the delegates, compared with over 97 per cent last time.

THAT HUMILIATING defeat barely behind him, Strauss sallied forth on a private trip to Poland, Czechoslovakia and East Germany, the results of which once again fanned the storm over the political somersaults of which he showed himself capable.

When Strauss went to scout out Poland which, as he admitted, he had never visited before, he apparently became a veritable Balaam. For information on Poland, he told Radio Polonia, he had been dependent upon reports that were often contradictory and distorted. He now saw that it had been necessary to prevent chaos in Poland, and the situation was obviously better than appeared from many reports.

The new laws passed by the Polish parliament after the lifting of martial law, Strauss said, were not everything, but they were a step in the right direction — and the West should help, without justifying everything that has happened or is happening in Poland.

Alluding to recent statements by political leaders in West Germany that in international law (and national aspiration) the boundaries of Germany are those of 1937, Strauss told his Polish interviewer that one must distinguish between a juridical position and the recognition of political realities. Germany was not out to change facts by force, pressure, or the threat of pressure.

Poland should be helped to help itself economically. The time had come to stop sending parcels to Poland; it was undignified to make Poland a nation of recipients of charity packages.

The present premier of Poland, Strauss concluded with great understanding, "has of course no easy task...and we do not wish him

## Eye-catching somersaults

Curiouser and curiouser have been the recent statements by conservative Bavarian Premier Franz Josef Strauss in his travels East. The Post's MEIR MERHAV reports from Bonn.



(Camera Press)

failure, but success in the national reconciliation..." As press commentators were quick to point out, Strauss had not once mentioned Solidarity and his statements went far beyond anything that the "weak-kneed appeasers" of the previous Social-Liberal coalition would have dared to say.

EVEN MORE surprising, however, was the turnaround that Strauss managed to perform during his visit to East Germany, where he was given a red-carpet reception and met with Erich Honecker, East Germany's party secretary and chief of government. Only three months ago, Strauss had cried foul murder when a West German transit traveler died of a heart attack while being questioned by East German customs officials. As a consequence of the press campaign then unleashed, Erich Honecker called off his visit to West Germany this fall. All of a sudden, the man who had for decades railed against giving East Germany a single pfennig without hard and immediate counter-value, had been instrumental in giving cash in exchange for a hope, as his critics put it. And all of a sudden, the No. 1 politician who had been the bogeyman of East Germany had become a welcome guest.

As in Poland, the Werbellin Lake, where he met Honecker, became Strauss' Damascus, and Saul became Paul. All of a sudden, he discovered that East Germany had real difficulties in meeting one of West Germany's main demands over the last three years: the reduction of the obligatory minimum exchange of DM25 a day. There was, Strauss found, after having the matter explained to him by Honecker, a

black market in Deutschmarks and some people had apparently enriched themselves by buying up goods in East Germany with East German marks exchanged on the black market.

The procedures at the frontier stations, Strauss said deprecatingly, had already become much more friendly, rapid and smooth, and were therefore not a main issue. But what he had made clear to Honecker, he insisted, was that the automatic shooting mechanisms and the orders to shoot escapees on sight at the border between the two Germanys had to be abolished. It is not known what Honecker said in reply, if indeed he said anything at all.

HE HAD NOT changed any of his basic convictions, Strauss said on his return home; only his choice of means had become more pragmatic. And, like Helmut Kohl, who has long called himself the grandson of Adenauer, Strauss now claimed to be an heir of West Germany's founding chancellor — uncompromising on fundamentals, but pragmatic with regard to means.

Strauss' apparent conversion to continuity in the Ostpolitik which he decried for years has aroused a whirl of speculation as to his motives. Most interpreters put it down to personal ambition and hunger for publicity, combined with his incessant fight against the Free Democrats in general and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher in particular.

Thus there was Strauss' trip, in June, to Togoland, once a German colony where a former SS colonel has established a Bavarian wurst factory as economic aid. Then there was a visit to Rumania, where he

discussed with President Nicolae Ceausescu the liberalization of exit permits for ethnic Germans — a matter which, the Foreign Office said, had already been under negotiation. And now, the journey of discovery to the East.

BUT IS THIS the whole explanation? Significantly, Chancellor Kohl is keeping virtually silent: he has issued no word from his summer retreat at Lake Wolfgang in Austria since he gave Strauss his support at the CSU party convention in mid-July. A Strauss commitment to continuity in the Federal Republic's Ostpolitik can only be welcome to Kohl, who made it obvious during his trip to Moscow that, no matter what happens with regard to the stationing of the new nuclear missiles by the end of the year, he wants to keep open the lines of communication to Moscow, Pankow, Warsaw and the other capitals in the East. Having Strauss cover his right flank comes in handy, and can help to take some of the wind out of the sails of his opponents on the left.

Egon Bahr, the Social Democratic expert on defence policy and one of the architects of the Ostpolitik under Willy Brandt and Helmut Schmidt, once defined the objective of that policy as being "change through rapprochement." But while the Social Democrats practically gave up the dream of the reunification of Germany, and recognized the Oder-Neisse Line as the western boundary of Poland, the Christian Union, and particularly the Bavarian Christian Social Union, have revived the talk about the 1937 boundaries of Germany as the only legally valid frontiers, and have been talking again of reunification as the long-term goal of West Germany.

FOR ALL practical purposes this is, of course, no more than talk, and those conservative political leaders who again and again point to Germany's constitutional obligation to strive for ultimate reunification are also quick to point out, as Strauss did in his interview with the Polish radio and as Helmut Kohl did in Moscow, that the West Germans do not dream of using force or threats or pressure to achieve their aim.

In the ears of their Eastern counterparts, however, these reiterated of the aim of reunification, combined with the reaffirmation that they do not mean to achieve it by force (which in any case is not within their power), must have a different, and ominous, ring. For it could mean that they aim at using their economic clout and — where East Germany is concerned — the enticements of a much wealthier Germany to destabilize the Eastern bloc countries from within. There is no hard evidence for a policy of such a "soft" roll-back; but Moscow and Pankow are likely to deduce that this is the only possible reconciliation of the aim of reunification with the renunciation of force, and that, beyond personal ambition and domestic infighting, such a policy might also make sense for a hard-nosed politician like Franz-Josef Strauss.

Neither Andropov nor Honecker is likely to pass off the recent revival of the reunification slogans as a mere pandering by conservative politicians to an assumed reawakening of nationalist sentiment in West Germany. They are more likely to assume that there is a long-term design behind it, and may be expected to be wary of German overtures. The greater freedoms for East Germans that the West Germans expect in exchange for credits and other economic benefits are therefore likely to come only very sparingly.

## Political complexities of the veil

By O.C. DOELLING / New York

FATIMA MERNISSI, an American-educated Moroccan feminist, believes that Moslem women who reject the veil and those who readopt it as a symbol are fighting the same battle for women's rights.

The veil in the present-day Islamic world is a very complex phenomenon, one that defies a simple explanation, according to Mernissi, author of the book *Beyond The Veil*, which has been published in English and translated into French. The book has yet to appear in Arabic.

"Whoever says the veil means this or that is wrong," says Mernissi, who studied for her doctorate in social science at Brandeis University in Massachusetts. She was interviewed on a visit to the UN after presenting a paper on feminine rebellion within Islam to a Harvard conference on women, religion and social change.

Writing in English, she has tackled subjects that are taboo in Moslem society. She has, for instance, criticized the "institution of virginity" and the deceptive practices it encourages, including hymen-implant surgery on prospective brides.

Mernissi, a 43-year-old divorcee who has been connected with Mohammed V University in Rabat, herself rejects the veil and sees its symbolic revival in parts of the Islamic world as a "middle-class, city phenomenon."

As a girl of 16 — on the eve of Moroccan independence — she voluntarily donned the veil "as a political statement" against the country's French colonial rulers.

Once independence was achieved in 1956, she discarded the veil, which traditionally was worn outside the home to shield Moslem



(R. Nowitz)

women from the prying eyes of strange men. The disappearance of the veil among middle-class Moslem women was accelerated during a wave of nationalism and reform that swept much of the Middle East after World War I and the collapse of the Ottoman Empire. Western fashions came into style in most of the major cities of the region.

VEILING of the face has persisted, however, in ultra-conservative Moslem societies like those of the Beduin, the Persian Gulf and Yemen. Head-to-toe cloaks, such as the Iranian chador and Moroccan haik, continue to be worn in tradition-bound segments of Islamic society. Although these leave the face free, the cloth can be raised to mask the wearer when the situation

dictates. In recent years, rebellious young women in countries such as Iran, Egypt and Tunisia readopted the veil — or at least modern-day variations of it — to demonstrate their opposition to political and social trends, Mernissi notes.

Before the fall of the Shah of Iran, the chador became a symbol of feminine support for the Islamic revolution of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. Afterward, Khomeini encountered resistance when he ordered women in government offices to cover up. The wearing of head scarves and ankle-length apparel, meanwhile, has become mandatory in public for all Iranian women.

Outside Iran, Mernissi says, some Moslem women cast aside their Western dress and voluntarily

adopted the covered-up look in reaction to the encroachment of Western sexuality on their cultures. "They're saying that if I put the veil on in the streets, you can't consider me a sex object. That's one stand. But people like me are saying, 'why should I hide to be considered a person? No. It's dangerous. No. I should unveil because there is nothing shameful about my body. I claim the right to be seen as a full woman and have a right to be respected on the street and go to the offices without being harassed.' So we are faced with the same problem, all of us — the ones who say I don't want the veil and those who say I want it."

The issue for both, she says, "is the claim...to self-respect in spaces they were not traditionally using — work space, school space...it's an answer to huge changes going on in our society where men and women were separated before and now we are together."

She is puzzled by what she regards as an obsessive Western interest in the veil and would like to hear Americans' thoughts on the subject.

In the U.S., she said, pornography and the display of women's bodies in advertisement and the media still causes her culture shock.

"If women were so liberated in this country, they wouldn't be playing on the woman's body in the media," she comments, concluding that "sex is a much more complex thing than just mechanical liberation."

In Playboy magazine and James Bond films, she sees the reflection of the American and Western men's dream of the harem. "James Bond is one man with three-four women — a harem," (Associated Press)

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

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BECAUSE MY too-soft heart was filled with pity for an Orthodox friend last week, I opened my big mouth too wide once again and pointed out how unfair it is that all the amusing films are programmed for Friday nights. Retribution for my folly came with terrifying speed. Last Friday night's offerings were hardly designed to send us chuckling happily to bed.

I do not flatter myself that Television House keeps a close watch on this column so as to introduce immediately a course of action diametrically opposed to anything I recommend. Yet the coincidence of a black night coming so hard upon my praise for Fridays was so startling that I can only conclude that somebody up there, either in the executive suite of Television House or in an even higher place, is out to get me.

H.L. Mencken commented about Franklin D. Roosevelt's economic policy that FDR confronted by the paradox of starvation in the midst of plenty, resolved the dilemma by destroying the plenty. Facing the problem of Orthodox Jews being denied the enjoyable programmes that are a feature of Friday nights, TV House apparently decided to abolish the enjoyment.

First of all, they slipped in a weirdo programme under our guard. This was a replacement for the weekly news magazine, outlawed for these mysterious "budgetary reasons." As *Mabat* ended, I left my chair for private

reasons: by the time I returned, three ghastly creatures were in full swing, playing some kind of music and singing away with repulsive gusto.

Why they were were not told: probably the information had been supplied while I was going about my affairs. It is possible that the programme had something to do with Sephardi Jews, and was designed to offset their sense of inferiority, about which we were to hear so much later in the week on Ram Evron's *This is the Time*.

The group we heard seemed to be trying to herd us back by loud singing into the corral of that old time religion, à la Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, or the great Mahalia Jackson, although she, of course, had a different branch of faith in her mind and mouth. On Israel TV, these three guys in funny jackets were certainly as noisy as anyone I have ever heard. They belted it out, moaning and groaning and droning; they wriggled as if somebody had given them a hotfoot or had inserted a beehive in their elegant pants. Their favourite theme seemed to be the Almighty.

TO GIVE them a rest, five women singers were brought in, including Rivka Raz, of whom we have such happy memories from *My Fair Lady* and *Pundak*. Damned if she too didn't close her eyes in ecstasy, shake all over like a jellyfish with a nervous disease and sing about the Lord.

## BLACK FRIDAY

TELEREVIEW/Philip Gillon

I can hear indignant readers exclaiming, "So what's all the fuss about? Why the complaints? The description fits any of the pop groups we are being shown in elegant excess as fillers, to close the time gap caused by cutting *Mabat*."

The great difference is that most pop groups are screaming about sexual love, not about God. I have nothing whatsoever against God, in the right place and at the right time, however much I abhor vicious human beings who commit murders and atrocities to glorify Him. Edward Gibbon described the blood of their massacred victims to pray, in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, to Christ, who preached peace and love. Some Jews seem to have a similar ambition with regard to the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron, presumably to please the God of Israel.

But I digress. My general attitude is that I have nothing at all against the Lord: my main ambition is to

keep out of His way. But we non-Orthodox are entitled to expect religion to stop on Friday night as soon as Rabbi Avidor Hachohen has said his Aizer. After all, nobody devout is watching, so why should religion be hurried at our shrieking ears by a rock group?

Missus Quickly, the hostess of the Bear's Head tavern, described the death of Sir John Falstaff: "How now, Sir John!" quoth I: "what man! Be of good cheer." So "a cried out 'God, God, God' three or four times; now I, to comfort him, bid him 'a should not think of God, I hoped there was no need to trouble himself with any such thoughts yet.'"

I feel exactly the same about our Friday nights.

THE ROCK group was followed by an excellent film, *Cool Hand Luke*, featuring Paul Newman and George Kennedy as convicts toiling in a road gang. Newman was nominated for an Oscar for his performance,

and Kennedy got one: I am not surprised; they acted with consummate skill. But the theme of the film was the monstrous cruelty of men dressed in a little brief authority. For private reasons, I wanted to forget for a while man's inhumanity to man, and did not relish having sadism crammed down my throat as Kennedy crammed eggs down Newman's in the one funny scene in the film. One way and another, it was a very black Friday.

Saturday night also had its grim surprise. *Benson* has returned to replace *Happy Days* as the 8.30 p.m. comedy that is supposed to begin the week on a cheerful note. All over the country, I imagine, children, after a day of prayer if they are Orthodox or of swimming if they are not, sit hopefully on their carpets, all set to burst out into loud guffaws.

Victorian humorists like Charles Dickens had a trick of inserting tragic or horrifying scenes into their comic tales. Somebody seems to have decided to adopt this technique in *Benson*. For laughs we had a murderer with a skull-headed knife, prowling around a yacht, throwing his knife at people. His last victim is the governor. To intensify the crime of the perpetrators of this comedy-turned-tragedy, it is a mini-series, so we will not know till Saturday night if the governor survives. Keep the little ones away, lest "they" have decided to eliminate the governor.

IT IS somewhat late to comment on Minister-Without-Portfolio Arik Sharon's appearance on *Mabat* last week, but I feel that I must commend, for the guidance of future occupants of the mildly warm seat on this very polite programme, his brilliant method of dealing with embarrassing questions.

Sharon alleged that he had all kinds of proofs that the Kahan Commission had erred, possibly out of malevolence. His amazed interviewers naturally wanted to see the proofs, to know why he had not published them and whether he had shown them to Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Like Senator Joe McCarthy, indicating that he had the proofs in his pocket, Sharon never produced them. Hard pressed, he gave a remarkable answer.

When he was a lad of 17, he said, he went one day into the orange groves, where his father, a farmer, was working, to tell papa that he was going off to enlist in the Hagana. His father was down on his knees at work in the earth. Sharon said that the only time his father ever bowed his knee was when he was working on the farm. His small eyes red and moist with emotion, Sharon said that his father made him swear then and there never to harm a fellow-Jew. He was going to fulfil this sacred oath. And he had told Begin the same thing.

Note the elements of this amazing story. Sincerity; emotion; love of the land; a reminder that he has spent a lifetime serving the nation in its wars; honouring his father, and presumably his mother as well, in compliance with the Fifth Commandment, thereby proving that he is a good Jew; an indication that his undeniable courage is an inherited genetic characteristic. After such a catalogue of virtues, who would dare to ask that he produce his proofs about the Kahan Commission? Surely it is enough for any true Israeli that Sharon says that he has them?

It is certainly a more effective technique than falling back on "no comment" or "personal reasons" or

actually producing his documents for examination.

THIS GOVERNMENT has a formidable record for destroying anything of value built by its predecessors. Its latest achievement is the bankruptcy of the Lachish villages. We saw a report on the news about the farmers of Noga facing imprisonment for debt — incidentally, this barbarous relic of the Industrial Revolution should be abolished in a land claiming to be civilized.

For anyone who remembers Lachish in the period of Lova Eliv and Levi Argov, the news of its collapse was very tragic. For years Lachish was the brightest jewel in the Israeli crown: it was the country's proudest creation.

Thousands of Africans, Asians and Latin Americans used it as a model of regional development: it was spoken of in reverent tones at international conferences. Now it has been liquidated. But nobody cares. The Treasury blames the Ministry of Agriculture, that ministry blames the Treasury. R.I.P. We have no money for such things: it is all allocated to the West Bank villages, the Shavei Hebron *peskiva* and the institutions of Agudat Yisrael and the NRP.

ONE OF the best films I have seen for some time was the reconstruction of the 1932 Olympics by Bud Greenspan. Using film clips of the Los Angeles Games and historical events taking place at that time, he wove them into what appeared to be contemporary television coverage. It was one of the finest editing jobs ever done.

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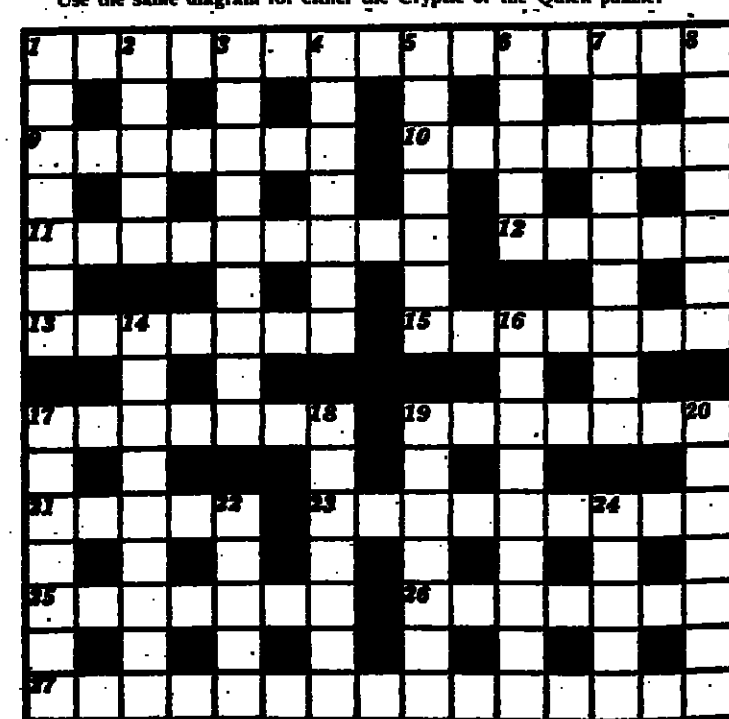
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## TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

Cryptic

Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Quick puzzle.



- ACROSS
- 1 Sung by Allen & Sydney, for example (8, 7)
  - 2 He grasped he was a different man when the spirits had all gone (7)
  - 3 Took the edge off his appetite, being poor (7)
  - 4 Making good, original work (9)
  - 5 Get clean sheet of paper written on (5)
  - 6 Going over to one side of a ship (7)
  - 7 Not the plan as a whole for small army units (7)
  - 8 Mind out, that's him! (7)
  - 9 Put on your Sunday best: look at it, but last! (5, 2)
  - 10 Money paid to council house owners comes from them (5)
  - 11 Landing after this fight (9)
  - 12 Doctor, it upset the First Lady—she's about to produce feeling, being so (7)
  - 13 Usual to brewers: changing over to pils (3, 4)
  - 14 What the new broom is likely to make! (8, 7)

- DOWN
- 1 Too extravagant a description of one (7)
  - 2 Men entitled to play cricket here (5)
  - 3 Plants people outside this scientist's study! (9)
  - 4 Want to be in this condition (7)
  - 5 Didn't mind his own business! (7)
  - 6 Might come after card-board (5)
  - 7 I'm not aware if such songs are successful (9)
  - 8 Speak to mad, and Red (7)
  - 9 Light, strong person may ask this fever (5)
  - 10 Crafty attempt, could one say, made by Spain to defeat me? (3, 6)
  - 11 Things used for dining rooms like these contain them (7)
  - 12 For holding water carried up to loft by builders (7)
  - 13 Cere I'd driven round with severe result! (7)
  - 14 The type to turn on some of them (7)
  - 15 Take the top off quietly, and make it short! (5)
  - 16 In Balkan, Omani or Cheam —in, indeed! (5)

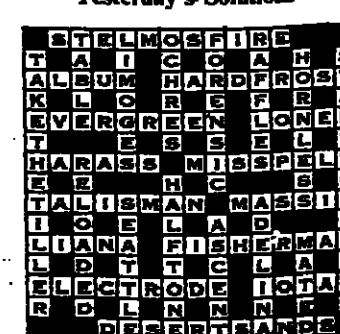
'Quickie'

- ACROSS
- 1 Great artist (8, 2, 5)
  - 2 Thick, sweet food (7)
  - 3 Any small fruits (7)
  - 4 Unreservedly (3-3-5)
  - 5 Separates with a sieve (5)
  - 6 Mode of dress (7)
  - 7 Cutting tools (7)
  - 8 Move unsteadily (7)
  - 9 Inflates a bicycle tyre (5, 2)
  - 10 Bury (5)
  - 11 House for clergyman (9)
  - 12 Sailor (7)
  - 13 Japanese paper-folding (7)
  - 14 Scientist (5-10)

- DOWN
- 1 Discharges, as a gun (4, 3)
  - 2 Not concealed (5)
  - 3 Laying stress upon (9)
  - 4 Become less fierce (3, 4)
  - 5 Formal arguments (7)
  - 6 Tiny organism (5)
  - 7 Cosmetic rasps (4-5)
  - 8 Positively maintains something (7)
  - 9 Spread all about (8)
  - 10 Turbulent (9)
  - 11 To glisten (7)

- 18 Statements of events (7)
- 19 A room (7)
- 20 Prime Minister (7)
- 21 One of the Beatles (5)
- 22 To frighten (5)

Yesterday's Solutions



Quick Solution

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## Market mixed as selling eases

TEL AVIV. — The determined selling pressures felt throughout most of the past week finally eased yesterday. The net result was that the General Shares Index was finally able to record an advance. The index, commercial banks accepted, advanced by 0.23 per cent. However, the rise in the index did not mean that all groups of trading were able to move ahead.

Specialized financial institutions, service and trade and industrial equities all traded on the downside. Volatile issues which moved lower held a distinct advantage over gainers. There were eight "sellers only" while only two securities penetrated into the "buyers only" group. Moreover, there were 50 issues that fell by margins of more than five per cent while 33 others advanced by similar amounts. Trading turnovers increased but still were just under the 15740 million mark.

It was a banner day in the index linked bond market as turnovers doubled those on the share market and totalled not less than 151.6 billion. The main activity took place in the seven per cent 80 per cent linked bond group and their prices galloped ahead by as much as three per cent.

The shekel was devalued by 28 agorot in relation to the dollar.

The commercial bank group benefited from the easing of selling pressures on such equities as Danot and FIBI. Danot 5.0 was 2.5 per

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cent higher while FIBI remained unchanged. The shares of the First International Bank were off by three points. The big three banks were up by their standard gains while Mizrahi, Israel General and Union were also ahead.

In the mortgage bank group the shares of the Mortgage and Development Bank did not trade as the institution unveiled a sparkling profit and loss statement. Independence Bank shares continued to gyrate and came through with a 20 per cent upward jump.

It was rough going in the specialized financial institution sector. Agricultural Bank and Contractors' Centre were both 10 per cent lower. Clal Leasing 0.5 sprinted ahead by 10.1 per cent.

Insurance shares, on balance, were higher. Ararat 0.1 was 10 per cent higher but Menorah 5.0 slipped by the same amount. Others in the insurance group came through with small gains.

The service and trade group continued to have problems and was somewhat lower. Galei Zohar 1.0 was nine per cent lower while Consortium 0.1 was winding up on "sellers only" list. Kopel was 7.6 per

cent lower. An encouraging performance was turned in by Teta 1.0 which advanced by 10.2 per cent. Land development, real estate and citrus plantation equities eked out a small advance, when viewed on a sectoral basis. Property and Building continued to come under selling pressures, but this time the shares traded unchanged. The option of Building Resources came to the market yesterday but it was not the happiest of debuts as it traded 14.4 per cent below its base price. Lumir 1.0 emerged on the "buyers only" list.

Industrials trended lower. Both Elbit and Elron were down on the session. The former eased by 3.7 per cent while the latter was nearly three per cent lower. Elco 0.1 was a 10 per cent loser as Electra 0.5 duplicated the fall. Gal Industries stocks were both 10 per cent down while the attendant option dropped 12.1 per cent. Fertilizers 0.1 wound up a winner in the wake of a 10 per cent advance. Yaech continued to trade in a volatile pattern. The shares were six per cent improved while the option was down by no less than 16 per cent. Sano, 1.0 and 5.0 shares, wound up losing 10 per cent a piece. Polygon, on a small turnover, advanced by 10 per cent.

Investment company shares saw their index advance by 1.84 per cent. However, a number of issues took a heavy beating. Elgar (B) which had traded over the preceding two sessions as "sellers only" was hit by a 20 per cent drop yesterday. Incoba 0.1 slipped by 13 per cent while the 0.5 Incoba shares were down 10 per cent. Israel Corp. 1.0 shares were 4.6 per cent lower. Clal Israel 1.0 shares were up by 10 per cent though the 50.0 shares were unchanged. Others in the group came through with generally small rises.

The Israel Mortgage and Development Bank published results for the first six months of 1983. These indicated that the balance sheet total advanced by 178 per cent to IS34.3b. Karl Reich, the mortgage institution's general manager, announced that the unaudited results showed that the gross profit from ordinary operations rose to IS221.7m. from IS162.3m. a year earlier. The profit adjusted for inflation for the six months ending June 30 totalled IS23.9m.

### Bank of Israel

#### exchange rates

August 4, 1983	IS
U.S. dollar	52.1501
British sterling	78.5472
German mark	19.6101
French franc	6.5159
Dutch guilder	17.5353
Swiss franc	24.2502
Swedish krona	6.6705
Norwegian krone	7.0057
Danish krone	5.4509
Finnish mark	9.1733
Canadian dollar	42.3279
Australian dollar	45.6965
South African rand	47.1515
Belgian franc (10)	9.7861
Austrian schilling (10)	27.9064
Italian lire (1,000)	3.3112
Japanese yen (100)	21.4556
Jordanian dinar	144.46
Lebanese pound	11.26
Egyptian pound	46.4136

Commercial Banks	Change	%
IDB p	89000	-1000 -1.2
IDB r	2171	2210 +10 +3
IDB p. A	2380	108 +10 +3
IDB p. A	2380	108 +10 +3
Union r	2805	156 +7 +1
Union op 4 r	no trading	
Discount r	4736	364 +10 +2
Discount A r	4736	412 +10 +2
Discount B	539	176 +2 +4
Mizrahi r	1573	3157 +6 +4
Mizrahi op 3	2740	136 n.e.
Mizrahi op 11	1105	124 n.e.
Mizrahi op 6	12250	121 n.e.
Mizrahi op 7	no trading	
Mizrahi op 9	584	210 -9 -1.5
Maritime 0.1	679	201 n.e.
Maritime 0.5	352	446 n.e.
Hapoim p.8	4070	no trading
Hapoim r	2494	2815 +8 +3
Hapoim op 1	580	181 +8 +3
Hapoim op 13	4980	53 n.e.
Hapoim op 6	13750	no trading
Hapoim op 8	9500	no trading

General	Change	%
General op 6	35645	6 +70 +2
General op 8	13000	5 n.e.
General op 5	5	+150 +3.6
General r	284	79 -1 -4
Leumi	1603	6518 +5 +3
Leumi op 13	2420	366 n.e.
Leumi op 11	2177	7 +5 +2
Leumi op 11	2177	7 +5 +2
OHV r	2237	70 +6 +3
Finance Trade	12170	36 n.e.
Finance Trade	11510	33 n.e.
Finance Tr. op	219	10 -10 -6
N. American	2383	191 +17 +6
N. American	2063	50 +14 +7
Danot 1.0	825	22 -20 -2.4
Danot 5.0	245	1094 +6 +2.5
Danot op 2	580	29 n.e.
First Int'l	596	4411 +3 +5
FIBI	545	2016 n.e.

Mortgage Banks	Change	%
Adomim 0.1	2340	48 n.e.
Gen. Mortgage r	1906	85 n.e.
Gen. Mortgage b1910	1	-4 -2
Carmel r	2633	16 n.e.
Carmel op	1363	18 n.e.
Carmel deb	109	363 -2 -1.8
Binyan	4280	57 +40 +9
DevMortgage r	no trading	
DevMortgage op	no trading	
Mishkan r	4122	29 n.e.
Mishkan op	4122	1 n.e.
Independence	1327	28 +121 +10.0
Independence	1301	1 n.e.
Tefahot p.1	2840	45 n.e.
Tefahot p.2	2840	45 n.e.
Tefahot op B	7200	45 n.e.
Tefahot deb. 1	1071	3 +15 +1.4
Tefahot deb. 2	289	1590 -6 -2.3
Mervar	222	1188 n.e.

Financing Institutions	Change	%
Shilton r	192	119 -5 -2.5
Shilton op B	1303	s.o.2 -61 -4.5
Shilton sc 1	no trading	
Shilton sc 2	no trading	
Ozar Ltd. r	927	82 n.e.
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Conductors C	219	148 -9 -9.9
Agriculture A	10688	3 -1187 -10.0
Land Dev. p.r.	10700	3 -100 -2.7
Clal Lease 0.1	407	s.o.1 -21 -5.1
Clal Lease 0.5	229	29 +21 +10.1
Clal Lease op B	333	131 n.e.
Clal Lease op 1	364	53 +2 +6

Insurance	Change	%
Anyeh r	680	212 n.e.
Anyeh op B	29001	-67 -2.3
Anyeh op 1	1800	-67 -2.3
Ararat 0.1 r	1263	3 +115 +10.0
Ararat 0.5 r	352	20 -19 -5.1
Reinsur. 0.1 r	900	2 -19 -2.1
Reinsur. 0.5 r	775	70 -4 -0.5
Reinsur. 1.0 r	1410	10 -30 -2.1
Hadar 1.0	235	52 -10 -4.1
Hadar 5.0	167	173 -7 -4.0
Hadar op 1	244	-17 -7.2
Hadar op 1	530	-12 +2.3
Hasech r	no trading	
Hasech op 3	650	26 -30 -4.4
Hasech op 4	670	1 n.e.
Phoenix 0.1 r	1350	46 +52 +4.0
Phoenix 0.5 r	800	-10 -1.2
Hamishmar	310	1531 +1 +4
Hamishmar op	255	170 +2 +0.8
Hamishmar op	263	280 +2 +0.8
Yardenia 0.1 r	543	6 +35 +6.9
Yardenia 0.5 r	230	34 n.e.
Yardenia op 2	112	21 +5 +4.7
Memora 1	1185	37 -17 -1.7
Memora 5	380	142 -2 -0.5
Sahar r	970	15 -10 -1.0
Securitas r	443	100 n.e.
Zur r	2338	13 n.e.
Zur op 2	440	91 n.e.
Zion Hold. 1.0	276	150 n.e.

Services & Utilities	Change	%
Galei Zohar 1	504	37 -50 -9.0
Galei Zohar 5	180	187 +1 +0.6
Galei Zo. op 1	92	74 n.e.
Galei Zo. op 1	233	56 n.e.
Delco	1665	21 n.e.
Delco b	no trading	
Harel 1	205	101 -3 -1.4
Harel 5	121	36 n.e.
Harel op 2	70	22 -50 -7.1
Lighterage 0.1	373	235 +1 +0.3
Lighterage 0.5	235	115 +7 +3.1
Cold Store 0.1	11890	-362 -3.0
Cold Store 1.0	4110	-110 -2.8
Yotvata r	no trading	
Dan Hotels 1	515	54 +5 +1.0
Dan Hotels 5	310	26 -2 -0.6
Corral Beach	156	977 n.e.
Corral B. op 1	305	65 +15 +5.2
Hilan	300	385 n.e.
Teta 1	216	25 -20 -9.2
Teta 5	119	73 +5 +4.8
Teta op 1	67	360 +5 +8.1
Yotvata	450	132 -16 -3.6
Clal Comp	590	19 n.e.
Clal Comp op	504	3 -55 -9.8
Malat	452	70 +2 +0.4
Malat op	201	36 n.e.

Land, Building, Citrus	Change	%
Oren	214	97 -10 -4.5
Oren op 1	no trading	
Azorim Prop.	201	29 -6 -2.9
Azorim r	267	252 +7 +3.2
Azorim op C	2051	s.o.2 -70 -3.3
Azorim op D	267	17 n.e.
Azorim op E	223	33 -1 -0.3
Ammonit	169	139 -5 -2.9
Ben Yakar op	213	394 n.e.
Africa Isr. 0.1	9000	5 +10 +1
Africa Isr. 1.0	8060	1 +10 +1
Africa op 2	5970	no trading
Amir	1978	75 n.e.
Amir op 1	100	22 n.e.
Arledon 0.1	249	105 -1 -0.4
Arledon 0.5	150	214 +8 +5.6
Ben Yakar 1	308	10 n.e.
Baronoviz 1	120	41 n.e.
Baronoviz 5	92	146 +2 +2.8
Baronoviz op	85	n.e.
Dunkner 1	189	599 -2 -1.1
Dunkner op	213	394 n.e.
Drucker 1	309	39 +4.5 +2.7
Drucker op	80	53 -4 -4.4
Darad 0.1	309	80 -1 -0.3
Darad 0.5	135	65 n.e.
Darad op 1	100	-100 -9.3
Darad op 2	257	30 -12 -4.5

HLB	Change	%
HLB 0.1	349	50 -17 -4.6
HLB 0.5 r	133	197 n.e.
Property Bldg	2050	204 n.e.
BaySide 0.1	103	69 +50 +5.2
BaySide 0.5	101	11 n.e.
BaySide op B	851	6 -99 -8.6
ILDC r	2133	75 -4 -2
ILDC op 5	2830	79 n.e.
ILDC op 7	799	n.e.
Isro r	242	276 +9 +3.9
Isro op	260	108 n.e.
Isra h	620	291 n.e.
Cohen Dev.	169	115 -2 -1.2
Cohen Dev. op	126	b.o.1 +6 +5.0
Lumir 1	85	288 +4 +5.6
Lumir op 1	56	158 -4 -6.7
Maagari Beniya	93	387 n.e.
M.T.M. 0.1	1352	10 n.e.
M.T.M. op 1	1122	+12 +1.1
Mehadrin r	2300	17 n.e.

Modul Beton	Change	%
Modul Beton	820	5 +3 +4
Modul Beton	205	164 n.e.
Modul Beton	131	471 +2 +1.6
Modul Beton	188	183 -21 -10.1
Modul Beton	103	153 -2 -1.9
Modul Beton	314	27 +1 +0.3
Modul Beton	78	113 -6 -7.1
Modul Beton	81	100 -3 -3.6
Modul Beton	161	500 +8 +5.2
Modul Beton	100	521 +5 +5.3
Modul Beton	75	48 n.e.
Modul Beton	3040	30 -1 -0.3
Modul Beton	520	236 +20 +4.0
Modul Beton	1600	64 n.e.
Modul Beton	396	8 +2 +0.5
Modul Beton	237	30 n.e.
Modul Beton	175	30 n.e.
Modul Beton	690	-1 -0.1
Modul Beton	205	109 n.e.
Modul Beton	81	540 +3 +4.5
Modul Beton	334	67 -2 -0.6
Modul Beton	281	59 -5 -1.8
Modul Beton	135	-1 -0.7
Modul Beton	691	160 n.e.
Modul Beton	710	224 +19 +2.8
Modul Beton	617	2 n.e.
Modul Beton	86	85 +1 +1.2

Industrials	Change	%
Agan Chem.	620	77 -55 -8.2
Agan op 1	520	6 +20 +4.0
Agan op 2	168	30 -15 -8.2
Agan op 3	100	119 n.e.
Agan op 4	340	26 +1 +0.3
Agan op 5	321	20 +4 +1.3
Agan op 6	200	348 n.e.
Agan op 7	366	240 -1 -0.3
Agan op 8	236	56 -2 -0.9
Agan op 9	1335	75 -15 -1.1
Agan op 10	865	220 -44 -4.8
Agan op 11	702	28 -4 -0.6
Agan op 12	219	89 +10 +4.8
Agan op 13	84	185 +1 +0.2
Agan op 14	40	46 +3 +5.3
Agan op 15	177	437 +7 +4.1
Agan op 16	16900	-37 -0.2
Agan op 17	447	36 -1 -0.2
Agan op 18	320	68 -2 -0.4
Agan op 19	340	1 n.e.
Agan op 20	3900	-1000 -1.9
Agan op 21	280	19 -30 -9.7
Agan op 22	240	1 -10 -4.3
Agan op 23	649	4 -72 -10.0
Agan op 24	482	47 -10 -2.0
Agan op 25	490	2 -9 -1.8
Agan op 26	2600	-1 -0.0
Agan op 27	275	10 +6 +2.2
Agan op 28	148	43 -1 -0.7
Agan op 29	1710	34 -70 -3.9
Agan op 30	820	469 -9 -0.9
Agan op 31	1690	-60 -3.4
Agan op 32	777	187 -10 -1.3
Agan op 33	23100	60 -700 -2.9
Agan op 34	115	382 n.e.
Agan op 35	56	655 n.e.
Agan op 36	160	13 -10 -5.9
Agan op 37	17	3 +2.5
Agan op 38	68	106 -12 -15.0

Other	Change	%
Elron	100	453 +2 +2.6
Elron op 1	62	199 -2 -3.3
Elron op 2	430	+20 +4.7
Elron op 3	410	102 +10 +2.5
Elron op 4	995	44 n.e.
Elron op 5	982	88 -3 -0.3
Elron op 6	1400	86 n.e.
Elron op 7	1146	27 n.e.
Elron op 8	170	18 +10 +6.2
Elron op 9	108	779 +2 +1.9
Elron op 10	344	19 -2 -0.6
Elron op 11	386	-1 -0.3
Elron op 12	2154	-1 -0.0
Elron op 13	165	139 -1 -0.6
Elron op 14	131	131 -2 -1.5
Elron op 15	70	13 +1.5



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## Still our problem

THERE WAS very visible satisfaction in Jerusalem over the explanations for the U.S. veto on the Arab-sponsored draft resolution in the Security Council Tuesday condemning Israel for the killings at Hebron's Islamic University and calling for the dismantling of existing Israeli settlements in the West Bank and Gaza. The foreign minister, Yitzhak Shamir, thought that the American rejection of the dismantling bid as "impractical" implied U.S. acceptance of the irreversibility of the Israeli settlement effort in the territories.

Such a conclusion could not altogether be excluded, though it seemed a trifle hasty.

The fact that the U.S. considers the demand to dismantle the settlements as "impractical" does not mean that it endorses the political logic of the spread of settlements. As the American representative in the Security Council, Charles Lichtenstein, pointed out, "The future of the settlements is one of the key issues which will need to be addressed in the (final status) negotiations." The settlements need not therefore prejudice the character of the authority to be ultimately constituted in the territories. It could be Israeli, but by the same token it could be Arab.

This appears to be the position not of the State Department alone but of the White House itself.

Jews should be entitled to live in the territories under whatever authority is finally decided upon, though not in "extraterritorial outposts," Secretary of State George Shultz said in testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last September 10. That statement has been dredged up in further explanation of the U.S. vote on the Arab draft, this week.

It follows that the U.S. would oppose the dismantling of Israeli settlements during the transitional period, pending the ultimate disposition of the territories. But the U.S., it has been made clear, still takes a dim view of the establishment of more settlements at this time. The issue is not the legality of the settlements, which supporters of the Arab draft, among them Britain, France and Holland, think is lacking. The issue is rather whether the settlements contribute to the peace process.

State Department spokesman John Hughes went out of his way Wednesday to underline "the harmful impact of settlement activity on efforts to achieve a fair and peaceful resolution of the conflict over the occupied territories." Mr. Hughes also reiterated President Reagan's appeal last September 1 for an immediate freeze on all Israeli settlement activity.

Yet at the same time the State Department spokesman made it clear that the U.S. is "looking at the realities of the situation on the ground." Could this not be meant to suggest that Washington would be prepared to accept, even if not too eagerly, the *fait accompli* that Israel is devising in the territories?

Perhaps it could. But the truly overwhelming question for Israelis is not whether the U.S. would underwrite an Israeli annexation of Judea and Samaria and Gaza, but whether such a move would be in Israel's own best interests. Mr. Reagan, facing another presidential contest, may find it useful to throw hints that he would be looking the other way if Israel goes on erecting settlements. But Israelis do not have that option.

For every new settlement in the thickly populated Arab areas beyond the Green Line is another threat to the future of Israel as a democratic, peace-minded Jewish state.

# An absence of answers

By DAVID RICHARDSON

"Haydon also took it for granted that secret services were the only real measure of a nation's political health, the only real expression of its subconscious."

Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy — (John Le Carré)

ISRAEL'S General Security Service (the Shin Bet, or Shabak as it is better known in Israel), is justifiably proud of its record in preventing Arab terrorist attacks on Jewish targets, and, when they occur, tracking down the perpetrators. Statistics released some two years ago indicated that the GSS was successful in over 80 per cent of the cases it dealt with.

But since June 1980, at least, the service has, with two or three exceptions failed to solve or prevent acts of terror where the targets and victims were Arabs. Last week's attack on the Hebron Islamic University is by no means the first of such attacks — it was merely the latest and perhaps the most daring.

On June 2, 1980, two fairly sophisticated bombs went off as two prominent and politically radical Arab mayors in the West Bank switched on the ignition systems of their cars. Bassam Shak'a of Nablus lost both lower legs; Karim Khalaf of Ramallah lost a foot. In nearby El Bireh, Mayor Ibrahim Tawil was saved from a classic military-type "side-charge" buried in a flower bed alongside his garage. The Druze bomb-disposal expert who inadvertently touched the trip-wire as he approached the garage door was blinded.

The same morning, a booby-trapped grenade went off in the centre of Hebron slightly injuring some schoolchildren.

The attacks on the mayors were obviously co-ordinated and well-planned, coming precisely at the end of the 30-day mourning period for six settlers who had been shot outside Beit Hadassah in Hebron. For the first time since Israel entered the territories, the spectre of Jewish anti-Arab terror had apparently manifested itself.

PRIME MINISTER Menachem Begin, who is ultimately responsible for the country's secret services, promised an intensive investigation, and since then a host of lesser government officials have been assuring inquirers that the investigation is still being pursued.

MKs and journalists who cover the area have a list of between five and eight settlers from at least three settlements in the West Bank who are said to be the prime suspects. Some, if not all, have been questioned by interrogators who have been unable to extract a confession or trap them into making the one slip that a prosecution could be built on.

"The suspects in the attacks on the mayors are, according to the investigators, from among the 'cream of our youth,' including officers from elite voluntary battle units," wrote *Davar* correspondent Amir Oren in an article published in *Keteret Roshit* a week before the attack on the university campus. "They brought with them into their interrogation a complex of physical endurance, religious and ideological faith, social unity and, in the end, the support of political forces. This support did not express itself in pressure on the GSS to vacillate in the investigation... but rather in the investigator's knowledge that they would find it difficult to obtain the exceptional authorization to hold the suspects in administrative detention."

BUT THE INTENSITY of the interrogation also raises serious questions. In one case the suspect was invited to a well-known Jerusalem hotel and questioned in one of its suites for several hours and allowed to go. No wonder that the settlers take a smirking pride in relating how they repeat their automatic response to the police or security service — "I have nothing to say."

Another "explanation" that has been peddled semi-publicly is that the group responsible for the car-bomb attacks was a one-time, ad-hoc coalition of a few individuals who have been clever enough not to have provided investigators with anything on which to establish a pattern.

Producing such a pattern is the essential intellectual tool any intelligence or police work has to employ in trying to solve a crime already committed and to anticipate future actions.

And it is in predicting and anticipating the attacks on Arab targets that the GSS has really failed. One can perhaps accept technical, legal and even quasi-political difficulties in solving a crime such as the attacks on the mayors. But the fact is that Palestinians in the territories, particularly in Hebron, have been targets of terrorism on several occasions between June 1980 and July 1983.

Grenades have been lobbed into the courtyard of the home of the Dan'a family, whose property adjoins Kiryat Arba and stifles its expansion in a particularly desirable direction.

In October last year, two booby-trapped IDF grenades were left in the courtyard of a boys' school in Hebron. One exploded and seriously injured two youths, while the other was safely detonated by a sapper. In February this year, a large bomb went off outside a mosque in the Kazazin Quarter in Hebron just before midday prayers ended. Only one person was injured in an explosion.

## READERS' LETTERS

### THE ARAB MINORITY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — Having toured Israel and seen how Arabs in Israel are treated, both in the pre-1967 area and the larger post-1967 areas, I feel the world press is prejudiced when it complains and there is a world conspiracy against Israel.

Yet what else can you expect when so many Jews live outside Israel and so very few move back to their own ancient land, and instead, ignore Israel or criticize your every move? On top of that, your own leaders and you yourselves are no better. It may be democracy in action but it is not helpful.

There is a lot of criticism of how you treat your Arab minority. With Israel under siege for 35 years by the entire Arab world and under attack many times, surely it is a supreme compliment to Israel that a million or more Arabs who are free

to leave for any of the 22 all-Arab lands surrounding you or come to this "paradise" of North America where so many live so happily, choose to continue to live in Israel. If Jews in Arab lands and in such lands as Russia, where they are not free to live as Jews or to leave freely, were as "badly" treated as Arabs in Israel, they would consider themselves very well treated.

We in this Canadian province of Quebec have rules that everyone shall work and speak in French and we are now discriminating against English-speaking people and doing all we can to encourage a homogeneous French-speaking population. There is little complaint from the world, only from a few anglophones. Yet the world is constantly hostile to you for doing far less than we.

JEAN PIERRE PINARD  
Montreal.

### SEARCH FOR UNDERSTANDING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — The concept of peace occupies a major part of our souls here in Israel; we wish for it, we work for it, we have sacrificed and continue to do so for this elusive state of affairs. What a great pity that writers like Robert Rosenberg (Why the sparks fly — July 21) did not seize the opportunity to promote at least a little understanding between secular people in Israel and inhabitants of Mea She'arim.

Perhaps if people had a better understanding of the history of Mea She'arim and the people who have chosen to live there over the years, they would be less disposed to judge all Hassidim as offshoots of the

messianism, many of whom also happen to live there.

If only we had a little more understanding and openness among ourselves here, Israel would become a far more pleasant place to live. Not only that — Jewish strength has always lain in solidarity. It would behoove us all to try to accept and respect each other's differences. We have a tremendous responsibility to create a *shalom* habit between ourselves. No overtures of peace towards Arabs can be taken too seriously as long as we harbour such resentment and hatred towards each other.

NAOMI BEN-ATTAR  
Jerusalem.

### HIGH COST OF TOURISM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — I was very interested to read H.S. Brent's letter of July 17 regarding tourism to Israel.

Working in many of Israel's top hotels as social director and guest co-ordinator, I fully agree with his comments: day after day, I hear from guests that prices for extras are too high, and with the present exchange rate, they do not get true value for their money.

Most tourists arrive in Israel on a package deal and present the hotel with a voucher to cover their stay. This is paid in their own country and, even if the cost is more than they had expected it is almost forgotten, but it is the extras such as cold drinks, meals, afternoon teas, etc. which they object to and complain about.

MICHAEL KING  
Netanya.

# The Friday Dry Bones



sion which, according to the police, could have been far more murderous had it coincided with the exit of the worshippers as was clearly intended.

THE POSSIBILITY exists, at least theoretically, that some or even all of last week's hit-and-run assault with rifles and a grenade on innocent students strongly suggests that those involved were different from the people involved in the bombing of the mayors.

The fact is that any discussion of these theories has always remained precisely that — theoretical. Not a shred of evidence had emerged to lend them any credence.

Following last week's attack on the Hebron campus, several settlers who have always accused the press of a bias against them, admitted reluctantly that any objective analysis of the shooting had to conclude that the most likely suspects were fanatical Israelis.

"I have suddenly begun to realize that there are people out there who make Rabbi Moshe Levinger look moderate," said a resident of Gush Etzion this week.

Even one of the people whose name appears on the list of suspects thought to be involved in the attack on the mayors — "an action of which I approve intellectually" — admitted this week that "the indiscriminate nature of the university shooting was a serious development."

REPEATING THE settlers' disingenuous and hypocritical complaints about the lack of law and order in the territories, this individual who by his own admission to this reporter has been involved in several of the vigilante actions against Arabs in the Hebron area, explained that "in the absence of law, the law of the desert — the blood feud — re-asserted itself."

This kind of talk from settlers is not new. It has been repeated in numerous newspaper interviews and meetings with government officials. The Council of Jewish Settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza even made it something of an official position when, in April this year, it warned Defence Minister Moshe Arens that it could not prevent vigilante responses in view of the army's failure to halt rock-throwing.

The security service's responsibility does not only include solving and preventing specific instances of political terrorism or other clandestine activities, but, as an es-

sential prerequisite, the monitoring and analysis of the political atmosphere in which such crimes are nurtured.

It should also be clear that failure to prevent and solve such crimes can only encourage other extremists to adopt similar tactics. The pattern of last week's hit-and-run assault with rifles and a grenade on innocent students strongly suggests that those involved were different from the people involved in the bombing of the mayors.

TERRORISM IS SOMETHING no democratic society can live with. There is an almost inevitable internal logic in the terrorist's mind in redirecting his attention from "external" enemies to his society to "internal" traitors. The murder of Peace Now activist Emil Grunzweig earlier this year has shown that somewhere in Israeli society this has already taken place.

From here, the next step is individual terrorism directed against specific political leaders, government officials and police officers, judges and journalists.

The growing terrorism against Arab targets on the West Bank poses a major challenge to the security service, the government and, ultimately, to Israeli society. Arabs suspected of involvement in security-related offences can be, and are frequently, held for questioning for up to 18 days without appearing before a judge. They can be, and are, also denied access to a lawyer and even to outside visitors, like the International Committee of the Red Cross, for 14 days. Interrogation is usually "thorough" — a euphemism for tough — and today it is preceded and accompanied by sophisticated psychological techniques.

The security service has more or less a free hand to tap telephones and conduct clandestine surveillance when it comes to Arab targets.

The same cannot be said when it comes to Jews, even though, theoretically at least, the same laws apply to anyone living in the territories.

SOME WOULD explain away this clear double standard by arguing

that the threat posed by Arab terrorism is greater and that, after all, the West Bank is under military occupation and the same standards of human rights cannot be applied.

But an examination of the cases where the prime minister has sanctioned requests from the GSS for such actions belie this argument.

Rabbi Meir Kahane and other Kach activists have been held for extended periods under the administrative detention law and the security service, and the police were obviously successful in preventing an attempt by yeshiva students, most of them from Kiryat Arba, to enter the Temple Mount earlier this year.

Kahane and his movement are sufficiently isolated within Israeli society to allow the security service greater freedom of action. The international repercussions of any actions on the Temple Mount also apparently justify the actions taken against the students.

Given the extreme sensitivity of domestic intelligence, and the political pressures it is open to, the security service's unswerving allegiance must be to upholding the law and the democratic nature of the country — wherever that leads them and whoever is involved. That is the test of the service; the test of the man who heads it, and, ultimately, of the man politically responsible for it — the prime minister.

The failure of the GSS to solve the attempted assassination of the mayors, its failure to prevent or solve the other instances of terrorism against Arabs in the territories, its failure, so far, to aid the police in their investigation of the Grunzweig killing and their apparent tolerance of political intervention on behalf of settlers who are prime suspects in these cases can only raise questions about how much it wants to succeed.

The absence of answers to these questions must lead to serious doubts about the political health of the nation and those institutions charged with protecting it — if necessary, even from itself.

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